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JUDGE QUIGLEY GRANTS 26 LIQUOR LICENSES.

Centre Hall and Millheim Remonstrances Carry No Weight and Applications Are Granted.—Old Fort Held Over.

License court for Centre county was held by Judge Henry Quigley, at Bellfonte, on Saturday. Of the twenty-nine applications coming before him Judge Quigley granted twenty-one hotel licenses at once. None were refueed and the three held over were the Old Fort Hotel, Maynard Meeker, proprietor, and the applications of George Parkes and David Benjamin, wholesalers, of Philipsburg.

The only remonstrances presented were against the hotels at Centre Hall and Millheim, and in announcing his decision Judge Quigley said that inasmuch as no specific remonstrance was made against any of the applicants he felt his duty to grant them forthwith.

OUR LOANS TO OUR ALLIES.

The loans made by the United States to the Governments at war with Germany are arranged by secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and submitted to the President and made with his approval.

The Secretary states that his judgment in making these loans is determined largely by the monthly requirements of applicants. The different powers, through their duly authorized representatives, make their representations as to their necessities for carrying on the war, and after discussion the various amounts are arrived at.

These loans says the Secretary, are essental for our own protection, not only for our protection in a military way but for our economic protection and welfare. The protection of the United States has been speeded up and greatly stimulated. We are producing more than our own needs, and our own economic protection and welfare demand that we sell much of our products to our allies. To accomplish this we must extend these credits to enable them to buy our products.

Their commercial salvation is an essential part of their effectiveness in the war, and their commercial well-being demands that their export trade be maintained in a considerable measure. They must keep their civil population engaged to the extent necessary to sustain their industrial and economic existence. It is sound economic policy on our part to assist them in maintaining their industrial life and economic welfare.

Very little of the money loaned to our allies, the Secretary states, goes out of the United States. Most of it is spent right here for war materials and foodstuffs. The money we are advancing is not a contribution; it is a loan on which they will pay interest and which ultimately will be repaid in full. Our allies are looked upon by us as solvent people without ready money but with perfectly good credit.

Their expenditures of this money in this country are supervised by us. Their purchases are made with the advice and assistance of our War Industries Board. This system not only protects the borrowing ally but prevents competitive bidding against the other allies and the United States itself, and obtains for the borrower the same prices, the same terms, and the same treatment our own Government demands in making its own purchases.

When one remembers that the loans made to our allies enable them to do the fighting that otherwise the American Army would have to do at much expense, not only of men but of money, money which would not be returned to us and lives that could never be restored, the wisdom of our policy in financing our allies is plain to everyone. It is not only a duty to them that we are performing in lending them part of our great wealth; it is a great duty we are performing the our soldiers and sailors and our Nation in making our allies powerful and effective, thus lessening the work and danger and suffering for our own men and in bringing the war to an earlier close.

Four Times as Many Autos as in 1907.

That the automobile has surpassed the warmest prophecies made for it a decade ago is evidenced by figures made public by the highway department recently, which show that in 1917 four times the amount of license fees have already been received than in 1907.

The department, to date, has received $269,548 for 1918 registrations and licenses; during the year 1907 these receipts amounted to $59,604,91.

J. Denny O'Neil, state highway commissioner, has already announced that there will be no extension of the use of 1917 tags, as they are being received from the manufacturers in quantities large enough to insure prompt filling of all applications, so that tardy applicants for proper registration cards and licenses need expect no leniency.

The pink label this week.

SCHOOL REPORT FOR THIRD MONTH.

Statistical Report and Honor Roll in Borough Schools.

Primary school.—Number in attendance, males 17, females 22, total 39. Average attendance, males 15, females 20, total 35. Per cent attendance, male 91, female 90, total 91. Those who were present every day during the month: Eugene Colyer, Bruce Knarr, James Lutz, Paul Martz, Wilbur McClellan, Robert McClenahan, Elwood Smith, Elizabeth Breon, Helen Brown, Ruth Brown, Grace Garis, Catharine Martz, Dorothy Odenkirk, Estella Ruble, Sarah Runkle, Alverta Weaver and Ethel McClenahan.

Intermediate School.—Number in attendance, male 14, female 23, total 37. Per cent of attendance, male 97, female 95. Pupils not absent during month: Joseph Ruble, John Meyers, Byers Ripka, Paul Smith, Clarance Zettle, Franklin Runkle, Franklin Ruble, Theo. Breon, George Lutz, Curtis Reiber, Elizabeth Bartholomew, Alma Lutz, Esther Martz, Ruth Runkle, Helen Runkle, Mildred Bitts, Agnes Geary, Miriam Moore, Mary Weaver, Florence Zettle, Lottie Keller. Those present every day during term: Byers Ripka, Paul Smith, Clarence Zettle, Franklin Runkle, Theodore Breon, George Lutz, Alma Lutz, Ruth Runkle, Helen Runkle, Mildred Bitts, Miriam Moore, Mary Weaver, Florence Zettle, Lottie Keller.

Grammar School.—Whole number in attendance for the month, male 17, female 20. Per cent of attendance for the month, males 81, female 84. Per cent of attendance for the term, males 94, female 89. Those in regular attendance for the month: Sara Zettle, Hazel Ripka, Nona Wagner, Gertrude Ruble, Vianna Zettle, Anna Garis, Ethel Frank, Harold Keller, Albert Emery, Harold Breon, Daniel Smith, Wm. Sweetwood, Paul Fetterolf, Albert Smith. All the above except Paul Fetterolf and Wm. Sweetwood in regular attendance during the term.

Community Singing.

Following the Week of Prayer service in the Methodist church on New Year's eve—Monday, December 31st—the entire audience will be requested to remain for a short time to engage in singing the various national songs. This community singing idea was suggested by Rev. R. R. Jones, in his sermon to the P. O. S. of A., on Sunday night, and the merit of it at once appealed to every member of the order, who were charged by Rev. Jones to look after things patriotic in their home community.

When occasion requires the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner", "America", "O, Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," and other national airs, the average audience is alike—it is woefully lacking in its knowledge of the words of the song and the order of the verses. A season of community singing will have the desired effect; the words which were once known to every man and woman during school days, and which time has partly stamped out, will again be fresh in memory.

Community singing—let's have it.

The Red Cross "Festival Fund."

The local Red Cross auxiliary have $48.60 in a fund which they designate the "festival fund." The fact is that no festival whatever was required to raise this amount, the original idea of holding such a function for raising money for the aid of the Red Cross having been abandoned in the interest of conservation. Instead of a festival a canvass was made for cash, with very good results. A great measure of credit belongs to Tusseyville, which community always rises to its duty in worthy matters needing hard cash. A total of $22 00, or nearly half the entire contributions, was contributed by Tusseyville, $9.00 of which was raised by the literary society of that place. The local Red Cross officers feel grateful to the people of that section for their loyal support to the cause. Centre Hall contributed $26.40 to the fund.

No Centre County Banquet.

In line with conservation, and the elimination of unnecessary and extravagant functions, the officers and directors of the Centre County Association of Philadelphia, at a joint meeting held Monday of last week at the office of William S. Furst, Esq., decided to omit the annual banquet.

This will be the first year in the history of the association that a banquet has not been given.

Plans will be made later for a patriotic meeting in lieu of the 1918 banquet.

Deaths of Centre Countians:

James Gray, of Boggs township, died in the Bellefonte hospital, aged sixty years.

Edmond Bland, of Snow Shoe, aged thirty-seven years.

Richard Runner, of Blanchard, aged eighty years.

PROGRAM WEEK OF PRAYER, 1918.

Union Meetings of Churches of Centre Hall.—Offerings to Go Toward Supplying Testaments for Soldiers and Sailors.

Sunday, December 30 — Reformed Church.
Sermon, "The Eternal Things".—Rev. F. H. Foss.

Monday, December 31 — Methodist Church.
Sermon, "Thanksgiving and Confession".—Rev. Josiah Still.

Tuesday, January 1 — Methodist Church.
Sermon, "The Church Universal".—Rev. D. S. Kurtz.

Wednesday, January 2 — Presbyterian Church.
Sermon, "Nations and Their Rulers".—Rev. R. R. Jones.

Thursday, January 3 — Presbyterian Church.
Sermon, "Families, Schools, Colleges, and the Young".—Rev. W. H. Williams.

Friday, January 4 — Evangelical Church.
Sermon, "Home Missions".—Rev. Josiah Still.

Saturday, January 5 — Evangelical Church.
Sermon, "Missions Among Moslems and Heathens".—Rev. D. S. Kurtz.

Sunday, January 6 — Lutheran Church.
Sermon, "The Outlook for the Christian Church".—Rev. R. R. Jones.

Sunday evening services at 7 o'clock.

Week evenings services at 7:30 o'clock.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

Singing led by a union choir. Books used, Great Revival Hymns, No. 2

Pray daily for the success of the meeting and for God's blessing upon the Christian Church.

An offering will be taken each evening for the benefit of the American Bible Society to supply Testaments for Soldiers and Sailors.

Rev. Jones Delivers Patriotic Sermon.

"How can I best serve my country?" was the theme of a discourse delivered by Rev. R. R. Jones in the Reformed church on Sunday night, to a goodly representation of the local P. O. S. of A. camp, and others. The occasion was in celebration of the seventieth anniversary of the order, together with the commemoration of the death of the Father of our Country.

Rev. Jones prefaced his remarks by thanking the P. O. S. of A. for the honor of being permitted to speak in the interest of an order in which he is denied membership from the fact that he is not a native-born American. He spoke in glowing terms of the principles of the order, and then delivered a real patriotic sermon. Speaking of the "volunteer" and "drafted" soldier, Rev. Jones placed them on equal terms, deserving equal honors, and with sound logic erased the distinction that many would make, and have made, between the two types. After according the greatest honor to the soldier at the front, Rev. Jones divided second honors between the Y. M. C. A. secretaries and the Red Cross workers on the field of battle, for heroic duty. He pointed out how all might best serve their country, no matter how employed. His remarks found favor with all present, and especially with the body of P. O. S. of A.

The Reformed church choir rendered several beautiful patriotic selections which harmonized with the evening's service.

Major Clement Relieved of Command.

Stepping aside because war is a young man's game, Major General Charles M. Clement, commander of the Twenty-eighth Division, last Wednesday surrendered his command to Brigadier General Frederick W. Stillwell, senior ranking general of the division, following a telegram from the war department retiring him on the grounds of physical disability in line with the army's policy of sending for overseas service in the position of general officers men of youth and physical endurance.

General Clement is in the best of health, but as he is 62 years of age he had to go to the inactive list. He has been a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard for 40 years and served in every rank from private to that of division commander. He arrived at his home in Sunbury last week, accompanied by Captain Theodore Davis Boal, who was with the Major on his recent trip to the French port.

The Pink Label this Week.

Kindly notice that a pink, and not a yellow, tab appears on your paper this week. This means that if you made a remittance on subscription since the last pink label appeared, the credit should be shown on it this week. If there is an error, report without delay. Those in arrears we would urge to pay up promptly. It takes more money than ever to keep a newspaper going—and we must have the money.

A portion of the Morris plant of the American Lime and Stone company, at Bellefonte, was destroyed by fire. The loss is considerable but will not interfere with operating the greater part of the plant.

The increased dog tax has to some extent decreased the number of dogs. Locally there are too many dogs by just the number of dogs in the town. Nobody would suffer if Centre Hall were a dogless town.

Appreciates the "Reporter"

Horsehead, N. Y.
Dec. 11, 1917.

Dear Editor Reporter:

Receiving my Reporter last week the label on it showed me that my subscription expires this month, so you will find enclosed with this writing a money order for the year's subscription. I must say that the Reporter is so welcome to our home as it recalls so many of my old friends and many relatives to me. The three papers I get is one Elmira daily paper, The Chemung Valley Reporter, printed in Horseheads, N. Y., and the Centre Hall Reporter. I always read the latter first, as it comes from my old home county where I was brought up from boyhood on a farm near Spring Mills. Leaving Centre county about sixteen years ago I located at Mill Hall and there learned brick making, then in 1910 I secured employment at Horseheads, N. Y., in a large brick plant and moved my family here and now for the last four years I have been located on a large dairy, stock and poultry farm as foreman of the dairy, and farming on a salary basis. This is a great dairy section, with a large milk evaporating company and creamery in this town. Horsehead is a town of about 2000 population and is located just 6 miles north of the city of Elmira, in a beautiful valley laying between Elmira and Watkins, and borders on Seneca lake. It is a good healthy country.

Wishing all a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

I am respectfully yours,
R. P. BREON.

Letter From Rev. M. D. Geesey.

Editor Reporter:

As I am not able to write to all my friends, I ask you kindly to publish my address. Household goods arrived 28th of November; unloaded 1st of December.

At present Louisville is in the midst of a blizzard with 16 inches of snow, the largest fall in the history of the weather bureau of the city. Street car traffic is blocked for first time in its history. Sunday morning 6 degrees below zero. The homes in Louisville are not built to stand severe winter weather and there is much discomfort, with some frozen pipes.

Very truly,
M. D. GEESEY

150 Pope Street,
Louisville, Ky.

Annual Farm Bureau Meeting.

On Thursday afternoon, December 27th, at 2:00 p. m., the annual Centre County Farm Bureau meeting will be held in the Old Chapel, at State College. At this time there will be a report from the officers of the farm bureau and the County Agent and in so far as possible the work for the coming year will be outlined. The new officers and executive committee will also be chosen for the coming year and every farmer in the county is earnestly requested to come and take part in electing the officials for the farm bureau.

At the last meeting of the executive committee a resolution was passed to hold the annual meeting after this year at Bellefonte which is a much more central point in the county. However due to action last year it was impossible to change the place for this meeting. It was therefore decided to hold the meeting during Farmers' Week in order to give those attending a two fold purpose in going to the College.

DEATHS.

Ezra A. Kent, M. D., died at his home on the old Potter homestead, owned by J. T. Potter, west of Centre Hall, Friday night at eleven o'clock, after a lengthy illness dating back two years when he was stricken with paralysis.

He was of New England parentage and was born in Brooklyn, this state, about seventy-five years ago. Following his graduation in a medical school at Ann Arbor, Michigan, he followed the practice of medicine for fifteen years when cataract came to his eyes and forced him to engage in other pursuits. Dr. Kent was a Civil war veteran and was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. For the past several years he has lived on the Potter homestead. His wife, who was Miss M. N. Potter, survives. Also one brother, Frank, at Brooklyn, Pa., and one sister, Mrs. Holaste, of Elmira, N. Y.

Funeral services were held at his late home on Monday afternoon, by Rev. Josiah Still, following which the corpse was removed to the home of J. T. Potter, a brother-in-law, at Centre Hall. On Tuesday morning it was shipped to Elmira, New York, for burial.

Jacob M. Garbrick, a life long resident of Zion, passed away on Tuesday night of last week, after an extended illness of hardening of the arteries, aged almost eighty years. He was a son of William Garbrick and was born in Walker township. When a young man he chose teaching as a profession and followed that line of work until sixty years of age. He was a member of the Lutheran church and a consistent christian gentleman.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth Kauffman who survives with two children: Alpheus E., on the old homestead, and Mrs. Boyd A. Noll, of Zion. He also leaves three brothers and two sisters, namely: William, of Lock Haven; Joseph, of Bellefonte; Amos of Pittsburgh; Mrs. William Showers, of Hecla Park, and Mrs. James Rote, of Coleville. Rev. W. J. Shultz had charge of the funeral services which was held at his late home Saturday morning, burial having been made in the Zion cemetery.

"Hell" in Camp.

There will be "Hell" in camp should the physicians who examine the next batch of registrants not disqualify or Messrs. Nevitt, Palmer and Dr. Crawford not exempt a certain young man. Should the lad be accepted for service there will be "Hell" in camp. Sherman's saying, "War is Hell," will certainly come true in this case.

The cause of this outburst is a young fellow by the name of Carl Hell, a young Pennsylvania Railroad company boiler maker, residing at 1003 Logan avenue, Altoona, who is among the registrants who will appear before the local board in the near future for examination. Should the exemption board draft him for service, they might express it thusly, "to war with Hell".

Rufus T. Strohm, son of Mrs. M. E. Strohm, of Centre Hall, came in for the following write-up in the Scranton Republican because of his leaving Scranton in a few weeks. The article is published herewith: Rufus T. Strohm, of the International Correspondence Schools, will leave Scranton on New Year's Day to accept an editorial position on the staff of Power, a weekly technical journal, devoted to steam and mechanical engineering, published by the McGraw-Hill Company, of New York City. He came to Scranton in the Autumn of 1901 as an examiner in the School of Mechanical Engineering, I. C. S., being made assistant principal of that department two years later. In 1905 he was transferred to the textbook department as a textbook writer. Mr. Strohm helped to write and edit the course in mechanical engineering, gas engines and refrigeration. In 1908 he was sent to London, England, to assist the International Correspondence Schools, Ltd., in the preparation of correspondence courses for British and colonial students. After three years spent in London he returned to Scranton in 1911, resuming his work as engineering textbook writer for the I. C. S. He is a member of Grace Lutheran church, superintendent of the Sunday School and a member of the church council. He has been very active in Masonic circles, being a member of Peter Williamson lodge, Lackawanna Royal Arch chapter, and Melita Commandery. Knights Templar, at various times holding offices in all of these bodies. He will be missed by a host of warm and loyal friends in Scranton.

Pennsylvania State College sure is patriotic. Its service flag represents over one thousand students, instructors and professors are in the Army service.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

No paper next week.

Milroy will have a community Christmas tree.

Letters unclaimed in Centre Hall post office—Mr. Henry L. Stein.

John Rowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rowe, of Centre Hall, has enlisted in the aviation corps.

Wanted—Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chickens.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer are longing for the southland, and are planning to make the trip soon.

This number of the Reporter completes the issues for 1917. You will get your first 1918 issue January 3rd.

Tobacco chewers and dogs are competing in their efforts to decorate snow banks along the side walk. To date the dogs are scarce in the running.

Miss Elizabeth Sweetwood and Master Bruce Knarr will leave for Lancaster on Friday to spend a few days at the home of S. V. Hosterman, Esq., and family.

While the winter season really only begins to-morrow, according to the almanac, no one will deny the fact that it arrived several weeks ago, almanac or no almanac.

The patrons on the rural mail routes can greatly assist the carriers in making their deliveries by conforming to the postal regulations requiring that snow be removed so that access to the mail box may be easily accomplished.

If you are thinking about buying a Brooder Stove it will pay you to investigate the merits of the "Buckeye". Orders should be placed now to insure delivery when wanted. Full line of Poultry Supplies.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

Blair county got rid of its last toll road last week. This road extends from the Leamersville bridge through Newry to Duncansville, a distance of 4 1-2 miles and is on Sproul route No. 74, and will be rebuilt by the state. The road was sold for $5,000, one-half of the sum being paid by the county.

Word has just been received that Miles J. Rearick, formerly of Centre Hall, and a son of W. O. Rearick, of Milroy, sailed for France Monday of last week and he is well on his way by this time or perhaps landed. Miles was among the first drafted men sent to Camp Meade, but was assigned to the Quartermaster's Department and has been located at Fort Jay for some weeks until they embarked for the front.

For many farm operations the tractor can never replace the horse. If the purchase of a tractor will increase the amount of work done by a man at a resonable cost and at the same time not interfere with the work done by horses, it is undoubtedly a good investment. If on the other hand a tractor does not decrease the number of horses required or in some other way replace horse labor, or by reason of farm conditions reduces the efficiency of the farm labor, then the wisdom of its purchase is questionable, says D. S. Fox, of the Pennsylvania State College.

One method of helping the farmer, which has been in operation in Lycoming county, is proving to be a great success. It is the plan of L. J. Fisk, superintendent of the Williamsport Co-Operative Employment Bureau, and it places business men in squads at farm work on Sundays and holidays. Mr. Fisk has received a letter of thanks from William Ellis Haines who states that a group of sixteen workers sent to him, aided by six local farm hands, husked 1166 bushels of corn on a recent Sunday at an average cost of five cents per bushel. Through the assistance given by these working squads the harvesting situation in Lycoming county was kept well in hand.

Three wild turkeys are known to be "wintering" along the mountain a short distance east of the borough line. The sort of weather which has been prevailing during the past ten days is bound to cause great suffering to the birds in the woods, and here is an opportunity for the good sportsmen, the kind who likes to see the game perpetuated not only for selfish reasons, but for the benefit of future generations as well, to do an act of kindness. A little corn carried to the section where the birds are known to stay will help to keep the birds there and ward off starvation as well. Last week O. F. Funk discovered the plight of the turkeys and carried corn to the woods. Although they had already gone to roost the birds left the trees to partake of the first good feed since the heavy snow fell. More sportsmen should follow Mr. Funk's example of feeding the birds when the heavy snows cover the ground.

The Place of the Nativity

IN a place built, like Bethlehem, in many cases against the soft limestone rock it often happens that the existence of a cave where the house was to be was a great attraction since it offered a ready made, dry, above ground cellar as well as a specially suitable spot for the household animals and for a storeroom. It would seem that Joseph was at last able to get room in some such back portion of a house, and there, we are told, Mary bore her divine Son.

A cave below the high altar of the Church of the Nativity is now shewn as the very place where this august event transpired; a little recess, shaped like a clam shell, its floor of marble wrought into a star in the center, bearing in Latin the words, "Here Jesus Christ Was Born of the Virgin Mary." A row of lamps hangs round the outer edge, the right to attend to them being a jealously watched matter, each of the ancient churches, the Greek, the Latin, the Armenian and the Coptic, having one or more of these under its care.

The evidence for this site is so strong that most persons accept it as sufficient, reaching up, as it does, to within living memory of the days of the apostles. But even if this be an illusion the fact remains that in this petty village the Saviour of the world was made man for our redemption. No wonder that we read of the anthem of the angels, for surely nothing could draw forth the interest of the heavenly population like the exceeding grace God was showing to sinful man.

The scene of the visit of the shepherds is pointed out as on a rough slope, facing the village, at some distance to the east, Bethlehem lying far above on its mountain seat. One can follow the shepherds in their journey to see the unspeakable wonder. They would go along the rich valley of Boaz and then up the terraced hill by a path still in use, nor is it uninstructive to reflect that, while simple shepherds were led by angels to the manger, the high priest and the great of Jerusalem, so near, slept through that most illustrious night of all history, quite unconscious of what had happened. But we know of it, and may God grant that if we cannot go with the shepherds to Bethlehem we may one day go to the right hand of God and worship him there, who that night lay a little child in Mary's arms.—Dr. Cunningham Geikie.

One Christmas Pudding

Perhaps the most heroic attempt to keep Christmas in conventional fashion under unconventional conditions was that made by the late Lord Wolseley, when a young officer, in the trenches before Sebastopol during the Crimean war sixty years ago. He and his comrades decided that the Christmas should be honored and that there should be a plum pudding. The "pudding" was compounded of biscuit, grease and such fruit as could be obtained, the ingredients being mixed in a fragment of a Russian shell. Wrapped in a cloth, it was boiled for some hours, and a tasty reminder of the great festival was eagerly looked forward to by the hungry officers. But before the pudding was considered "cooked" orders came transferring Wolseley and his tent companions to a distant part of the works.

Should they leave the pudding until their return or eat it as it was? They were hungry, and the latter course was decided upon. The "pudding" was duly swallowed, and away they went in obedience to orders. Late that night Wolseley was troubled with internal disturbances that necessitated the doctor's kindly ministrations. It seemed, said the future field marshal, as if pieces of Russian shell were rolling against each other inside. It was the only pudding, the first and last, he ever made.

"Don't Open Until Christmas!"

My Love hath sent a gift to me,
But though that gift I long to see,
The packet's label says me nay—
"Don't open until Christmas day."

Till Christmas day—how long to wait
And pine, yet hold inviolate
The ban, too strict for Adam's clay,
"Don't open until Christmas day!"

On Christmas day shall I be here
To joy in that which now were dear?
And must I heed these runes that say,
"Don't open until Christmas day!"
Should Time, the churl, have power to hold
In check each word, each deed of old!
Through this decree of drear delay,
"Don't open until Christmas day."

For there be hearts—and purses, too—
Locked fast to Love the long year through
By that same word, which fools obey,
"Don't open until Christmas day."

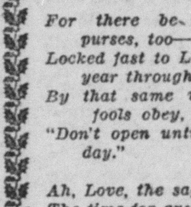
Ah, Love, the sages all allow
The time for any joy is now!
Then charge me never more, I pray,
"Don't open until Christmas day!"

—Arthur Guiterman in Life.

The Golden Christmastide

UNDER the far blue Syrian sky
Was born the Conqueror of Death,
Who bore credentials from on high
In Bethlehem and Nazareth.
Then came the new and better times;
One lone star signaled far and wide,
And now we ring melodious chimes
To mark the holy Christmastide.

Come young and old from every side;
Come rosy maid and gentle swain,



It is the holy Christmastide
That joyously we meet again.
The holly hangs upon the door.
It is no time for work or woe.
Now jollity commands the floor,
And joy comes with the mistletoe.
Bring in the Yule log's ancient flame,
The soused boar's head, a rich repast.
Let sorrow go the way it came;
Let care be to oblivion cast.
The sweet clear voices sound without
Sackbuts and shawm make wholesome glee.
Twined is the boar's head round about
With garlands rich and rosemary.

And now the foaming wassail bowl
Shall bring us comfort and delight.
This is the season of the soul,

From golden morn to starry night.
Naught care we for the piercing cold,
The drifted snow or raging blast,
For Christmas never shall grow old
From cons new or centuries past.

Quaint mummers mingle in the scene
Where pudding mates with Christmas pie.
The rooms are thick with evergreen,
And happiness lights every eye.
Let Fortunatus turn his horn
Of basket loads to famished need,
For on this day the One was born
Who knew no mark of class or creed.

Then welcome, merry Christmastide,
Another hour before we go.

The rosy girl close at our side
We'll kiss beneath the mistletoe.
Deep, mellow bells salute the air
With benisons sent far and wide.
Good will and joy go everywhere
Upon the golden Christmastide.

—Joel Benton.

The Sweetest of All.

Christmas is a jolly day, but let us not forget that it is Christ's birthday and that to make someone else happy is the sweetest thing of all.

To Everybody!

Here's Wishing You All The Joys Of The Holiday Season!

SACRED MISTLETOE.

The druids with ceremonies of great solemnity used to collect mistletoe with a golden sickle "against the festival of winter solstice." Only the oaks bearing mistletoe were sacred to this ancient order of men.

It is recorded that the people's reverence for the priests proceeded in great measure from the cures which the priests effected by means of this curious green plant of the pear-like berries. It was collected thus ceremoniously by the druids because it was supposed to drive away evil spirits.

The reason among the druids for bringing in bits of evergreen from the woods and adorning the house is a most charming and lovable one: "The houses were decked with evergreen in December that the Sylvan spirits might repair to them and remain unnipped with frost and cold winds until a milder season had renewed the foliage of their darling abodes."—Craftsman.

Forerunner of Christmas.

The spirit of merrymaking that marks our Christmas holidays had its origin with the Roman feast called the Saturnalia. This was a festival in honor of Saturn, father of the gods. It lasted for a week or two, beginning about the 19th of December, and was the occasion for great revelry among all classes. No business was transacted during this period, war was suspended, private feuds were forgotten or forgiven, and general good fellowship reigned supreme. Friends exchanged presents with one another, and the slaves were waited upon by their masters and mistresses.

A Wish.

I'd fain have a centipede's stockings
To hang by the fireplace tonight
And then have an octupus Santy
With eight arms to fill them up tight.
—New York Sun.

A Long Drawn Out Christmas

In many parts of Switzerland the Yuletide customs and festivities still have their beginning on Dec. 6, which is the anniversary of St. Nicholas. Markets and fairs are then held in villages and cities, and, seeing that the old traditions prescribe for this day the purchasing of presents for the children, it is an event of utmost importance to all youngsters. In some districts St. Nicholas parades around in person in an attire very similar to that of our American Santa Claus, generally carrying a big bag filled with apples, prunes, nuts and homemade cookies, which he distributes among the children who have been obedient during the year.

The next and in modern days the most important festive day of the whole Yule season is Christmas day. History relates that it was only in the year 354 A. D. that the Roman Bishop Liberius regarded this particular day as the birthday of Christ, and as they were furthermore desirous of giving a more religious importance to two important Roman festivals which also fell due in the same period. With the observation of Christmas day the Christkindli, described as "a lovely angel with wings," gradually started to take old Santa's place in many sections of Switzerland. Christkindli, the Christ Child, is said to come from the far north and always brings a wonderful Christmas tree, decorated with all the glittering things associated with fairyland and heavily laden with manifold gifts.

Christmas Gifts of a Century Ago

In a New York newspaper of 1814 Christmas gifts were advertised as follows:

"An assortment of Books, well calculated for the amusement and instruction of Young Persons, among which are—Barton's Lectures on Female Education and Manners; Foster's Essays on various subjects; Rasselas Chatechism of Nature, an excellent little book, price 3s.; Burder's Village Sermons; Mrs. Chapone's Letters on the Improvement of the Mind."

"A. T. Goodrich, No. 124 Broadway, corner of Cedar street, has just received an extensive assortment of fancy articles, Books, Prints, Medallions, Landscapes and small books for children, that are well adapted for purchase or gift, at this season of complimentary presents.

"By the last arrival from Europe, were also received several of the latest and best Novels, Poems and Miscellaneous Works;

"Fine letterpaper; visiting cards; Ladies' and Gentlemen's Pocket Books; Wallets and Memorandum Books; Fine Penknives; Cases of Best Silver Eyed Needles; Opera Glasses and Snuff Boxes."

The Christmas Story

THERE was peace on the lone Judean hills,
And the shepherds watched their flocks by night,
When there came from the silent, starry sky
A burst of glory, a dazzling light,
And the angel choir from far away
Sang "Peace on earth, good will to men,"
And we hear the song o'er lapse of years
As it echoes in our hearts again.

They sang in notes of heavenly joy;
They brought a message from God to men,
For the Prince of Peace had come to earth

And a child was born at Bethlehem.
The Christ had come, the King of kings,
That we might God in his beauty see
And hearts be light in blessed hope
That death should be swallowed in victory.

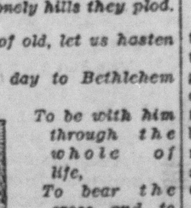
And they left their flocks and hastened on
To the city of David to see the babe,
The Saviour of men and the Son of God,
The humble child in a manger laid,
And they marvel at that which had come to pass
And return with glory and praise to God,
While the chorus echoes within their hearts
As back to the lonely hills they plod.

As the shepherds of old, let us hasten on
This Christmas day to Bethlehem town,

To be with him through the whole of life,
To bear the cross and to gain the crown.
No more shall we find him a lowly child,
But there forever with God above
He watches and guides our feeble steps
Till he bears us home with his infinite love.

How sweetly, how gladly to all the world
There comes a message of hope today,
For Christ is born and man is free
And pain and sorrow must pass away.
How sweetly and silently into the heart
The Christ Child comes this blessed night
To make us noble and good and true,
For the light of the world is a wondrous light.

Dear Christ, may we follow with willing hearts
The path of duty, where thou hast led,
That sin and shame may have an end
And that joy may fill our souls instead,



And on this thy glorious natal day
We shall catch the sound as the glad bells ring
Till we hear thy summons to come away
And in heaven above thy praises sing.

—Rev. Norman Van Pelt Levis in Philadelphia Public Ledger.

When the Angels Sang

WHAT an interest centered in that babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger at Bethlehem! Prophets were interested, angels were interested, the ages have been most deeply interested since. The shepherds had perhaps some premonition. The seventy weeks of Daniel's prophecy were about fulfilled. It may be at that very time they were talking of the coming of Christ.

Suddenly their attention was arrested by a strange sight in the heavens. It grew brighter and took the form of an angel, and then they heard a voice announcing the birth of Christ as glad tidings for all people, not to the Jews only. Then suddenly the air was filled with angels singing as if they had come right out from the air.

We know not their wonderful song, but part came to mortal ears, "Glory to God in the highest," etc. We know not who those angels were, but we fancy they were the redeemed. Adam was there; Eve was there. Eve, who in her maternal earnestness declared at the birth of her firstborn, "I have got a man from the Lord," hoping that that was he who should bruise the serpent's head. Now, in the fullness of time she had come to witness the birth of the babe who was to be the Saviour of her race. David, Elijah, Moses, the patriarchs, we believe, were with the heavenly host.

This song reveals three things:

First.—The glorification of God through the incarnation. God has glory through his vast work in nature, his providence building up and casting down nations, etc.

In the incarnation there was special glory. It was glory to God in the highest—highest, in that it was above all other glory, in that it extended to all time and in that it wrought such wondrous good.

Second.—The great results to the earth. It would result in peace. Strifes, thorns and thistles were abounding. The earth was torn and bleeding by constant contention. With Christ came peace. The result would be universal peace.

Third.—The effect on the individual man. "Good will toward men," from one another, from God. Out of this good will would finally spring peace on earth and glory to God in the highest.—Dr. Matthew Simpson.

To Make a True Christmas.

Don't forget the lonely, the suffering, the poor, on Christmas. Remember that the first and greatest Christmas gift was sent not to the rich and powerful, but to the poor and needy. Give to those who are near and dear to you, but somewhere, somehow, in your ordinary life find some one who is near and dear to no one else and make Christmas for him or her.

Some Christmas Legends

There is a Bosnian legend that the sun leaps in the heavens and the stars dance around it. A great peace comes stealing down over mountain and forest. The rotten stumps stand straight and green on the hillside. The grass is beflowered with blossoms, and the birds sing on the mountain tops in thanks to God. In Poland the heavens open and Jacob's ladder is set up between earth and sky. In Austria the candles are set in the window that the Christ Child may not stumble when he comes to bless the home. In north Germany the tables are spread and the lights left burning for the incoming of the Virgin Mary and her attending angel.

The English superstition is admirably voiced by the myriad minded Shakespeare in "Hamlet":

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Lord's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long,
And then they say no spirit can walk abroad.
The nights are wholesome. Then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is the time.

The Beautiful Bethlehem Bells

Over the roar of the cities, over the hills and the dells,
With a message of peace to the nations, ring the beautiful Bethlehem bells,
Bringing joy to the souls that are sighing in the hovels where poverty dwells—
There is life—there is life for the dying, in the beautiful Bethlehem bells.

Far off in a land that is lovely, for the tender sweet story it tells,
In the light of a glorious morning rang the beautiful Bethlehem bells;
And still in the hearts of creation an anthem exultingly swells
At that memory sweet of the ringing of the beautiful Bethlehem bells.

They ran o'er the hills and the valleys, they summoned the glad world that day,
From regions of night to the radiant light of the cot where the Beautiful lay,
And forever and ever and ever a wonderful melody dwells
In the tender sweet ringing and singing of the beautiful Bethlehem bells.

For they sing of a love that is deathless—a love that still triumphs in loss;
They sing of the love that is leading the world to the Calvary cross;
Ring sweet o'er the sound of the cities—ring sweet o'er the hills and the dells
And touch us with tenderest pities, oh, beautiful Bethlehem bells!

—Frank L. Stanton.

CHRISTMAS CHILDHOOD.

Christmas is, perforce, a winter festival, a family and fraternal reunion.

"Suffer little children to come." Lo, they have come. And the music of their child voices! The concert of the morning stars, what were they to the natural untrained melody of innocent childhood in its joyous expectations?

A brief, bright morning picture with fervid expectant fancy attuned to "peace and good will to men," a sacred, solemn, confident, joyous, "peace," a "good will" and fraternal friendship that shall fill and fructify and sanctify the years to come.

Ah, childhood, Christmas childhood! See how for one day it mocks the poet's lines, "Some traces of Eden ye still inherit, but the trail of the serpent is over them all. Its own gift is always the best, and it rejoices that Bill and Jim and Lizzie and Sara fared as well. "Peace on earth," but not of earth; "good will" that shall inform the coming year and mold the man and woman of the future.

First Christmas Celebration.

The birth of Christ was not originally observed at this time of the year. It was not until nearly 100 years after his death that there was any attempt at a celebration of the event at all, and then for 300 years or more it was celebrated at various times in the year by the Christians in different parts of the world. Some chose the 1st and some the 6th of January, others the 29th of March, the time of the Jewish passover, while still others observed the day on the 29th of September, the feast of the tabernacles. The 19th of April and the 20th of May were also kept as the birthday of Christ. By the fifth century, however the 25th of December was the day generally adopted.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

An Old Anglo-Norman Carol.

Lordlings, listen to our lay—
We have come from faraway
To seek Christmas;
In this manson we are told
He his yearly feast doth hold:
'Tis today!
May joy come from God above
To all those who Christmas love!

Lordlings, I now tell you true,
Christmas bringeth unto you
Only mirth;
His house he fills with many a dish
Of bread and meat and also fish
To grace the day.
May joy come from God above
To all those who Christmas love!

Lordlings, through our army's band
They say, Who spends with open hand
Free and fast,
And oft regales his many friends
God gives him double what he spends
To grace the day.
May joy come from God above
To all those who Christmas love!

Lordlings, wicked men eschew,
In them never shall you view
Aught that's good;
Cowards are the rabble rout,
Kick and beat the grumblers out
To grace the day.
May joy come from God above
To all those who Christmas love!

Lords, by Christmas and the host
Of this mansion hear my toast—
Drink it well.
Each must drain his cup of wine,
And I the first will toss off mine;
Thus I advise,
Here, then, I bid you all wassail,
Cursed be he who will not say Drinkhail.

King of the Khyber Rifles

By TALBOT MUNDY

The Most Picturesque Romance of the Decade

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KING IS LED TO VISIT A VAST CAVE THROUGH WHICH AN UNDERGROUND RIVER FLOWS, AND IN A GREAT CAVERN MEETS THOUSANDS OF FANATICS

Synopsis.—At the beginning of the world war Capt. Athelstan King of the British Indian army and of its secret service, is ordered to Delhi to meet Yasmini, a dancer, and go with her to Kinjan to meet the outlaws there who are said by spies to be preparing for a jihad or holy war. On his way to Delhi King foils a plan to assassinate him and gets evidence that Yasmini is after him. He meets Rewa Gunga, Yasmini's man, who says she has already gone north, and at her town house witnesses queer dances. Ismail, an Afridi, becomes his body servant and protector. He rescues some of Yasmini's hillmen and takes them north with him, tricking the Rangar into going ahead. The Rangar deserts him at a dangerous time. He meets his brother at Ali Masjid fort. The disguise he assumes there fools even the sharp-eyed cutthroats composing his guard. He enters Khinjan caves, thanks to his lying guides.

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"Are there devils in Tophet? Fire and my veins are one!"

The man did not notice the eagerness beaming out of King's horn-rimmed spectacles, but Ismail did; it seemed to him time to prove his virtues as assistant.

"This is the famous hakim Kurram Khan," he boasted. "He can cure anything, and for a very little fee!"

The man looked incredulous, but King drew the covering from his row of instruments and bottles.

"Take a chance!" he advised. "None but the brave wins anything!"

Ismail and Darya Khan were new to the business and enthusiastic. They had the man down, held tight on the floor to the huge amusement of the rest, before he could even protest; and his howls of rage did him no good, for Ismail drove the hilt of a knife between his open jaws to keep them open.

A very large proportion of King's stores consisted of morphia and cocaine. He injected enough cocaine to deaden the man's nerves, and allowed it time to work. Then he drew out three back teeth in quick succession, to make sure he had the right one.

Ismail let the victim up, and Darya Khan gave him water in a brass cup. Utterly without pain for the first time for days, the man was as grateful as a wolf freed from a trap.

"Are there any others in pain in Khinjan?" King asked him.

"Listen to him! What is Khinjan? Is there one man without a wound or a sore or a scar or a sickness?"

"Then, tell them," said King.

The man laughed.

"When I show my jaw, there will be a fight to be first! Make ready, hakim! I go!"

King sat down to eat, but he had not finished his meal—he had made the last little heap of rice into a ball with his fingers, native style, and was mopping up the last of the curried gravy with it—when the advance guard of the lame and the halt and the sick made its appearance. The cave's entrance became jammed with them, and no riot ever made more noise.

"Hakim! Ho, hakim! Where is the hakim who draws teeth? Where is the man who knows yunani?"

Ten men burst down the passage all together, all clamoring, and one man wasted no time at all but began to tear away bloody bandages to show his wound. King rolled up his sleeves and began, so that eagerness gave place to wonder. The desperate need of winning his first trick, made him horror-proof; and nobody waiting for the next turn was troubled because the man under the knife screamed a little or bled more than usual.

When they died—and more than one did die—men carried them out and flung them over the precipice into the waterfall below.

Ismail and Darya Khan became choosers of the victims. They seized a man, laid him on the bed, tore off his disgusting bandages and held their breath until the awful resulting stench had more or less dispersed. Then King would probe or lance or bandage as he saw fit, using anesthetics when he must, but managing mostly without them.

They almost flung money at him. He tossed money and clothes and every other thing they gave him into a corner at the back of the cave, and nobody tried to steal them back, although a man suspected of honesty in that company would have been tortured to death as an heretic and would have had no sympathy.

For hour after gruesome hour he toiled over wounds and sores such as only battles and evil living can produce, until men began to come at last with fresh wounds, all caused by bullets, wrapped in bandages on which the blood had caked but had not grown foul.

"There has been fighting in the Khyber," somebody informed him, and he stopped with lancet in midair to listen, scanning a hundred faces swiftly in the smoky lamplight. There were ten men who held lamps for him, one of them a newcomer, and it was he who spoke.

"Fighting in the Khyber! Aye! We were a little lashkar, but we drove them back into their fort! Aye! we slew many!"

"Not a jihad yet?" King asked, as if the world might be coming to an end. The words were startled out of him. Under other circumstances he would never have asked that question so directly; but he had lost reckoning of everything but these poor devils' dreadful need of doctoring, and he was like a man roused out of a dream. If a holy war had been proclaimed already, then he was engaged on a forlorn hope. But the man laughed at him.

"Nay, not yet. Bull-with-a-beard holds back yet. This was a little fight. The jihad shall come later!"

"And who is 'Bull-with-a-beard'?" King wondered; but he did not ask that question because his wits were awake again. It pays not to be in too much of a hurry to know things in the "Hills."

As it happened, he asked no more questions, for there came a shout at the cave entrance whose purport he did not catch, and within five minutes after that, without a word of explanation, the cave was left empty of all except his own five men. They carried away the men too sick to walk and vanished, snatching the last man away almost before King's fingers had finished tying the bandage on his wound.

"Why is that?" he asked Ismail. "Why did they go? Who shouted?"

"It is night," Ismail answered. "It was time."

King stared about him. He had not realized until then that without aid of the lamps he could not see his own hand held out in front of him; his eyes had grown used to the gloom, like those of the surgeons in the sick-bays below the waterline in Nelson's fleet.

"But who shouted?"

"Who knows? There is only one here who gives orders. We be many who obey," said Ismail.

"Whose men were the last ones?" King asked him, trying a new line.

"Bull-with-a-beard's."

"And whose man art thou, Ismail?"

The Afridi hesitated, and when he spoke at last there was not quite the same assurance in his voice as once there had been.

A Man Whom He Had Never Seen Before Leaned on a Magazine Rifle and Eyed Him as a Tiger Eyes Its Prey.

"I am hers! Be thou hers, too! But it is night. Sleep against the toil tomorrow. There be many sick in Khinjan."

King made a little effort to clean the cave, but the task was hopeless. For one thing he was so weary that his very bones were water. He appointed two-hour watches, to relieve one another until dawn, and flung himself on a clean bed. He was asleep before his head had met the pillow; and for all he knew to the contrary he dreamed of Yasmini all night long.

It seemed to him that she came into the cave—she, the woman of the faded photograph the general had given him in Peshawur—and that the cave became filled with the strange intoxicating scent that had first wooed his senses in her reception room in Delhi.

He dreamed that she called him by name. First, "King sahib!" Then "Kurram Khan!" And her voice was surprisingly familiar. But dreams are strange things."

"He sleeps!" said the same voice presently. "It is good that he sleeps!" And in his sleep he thought that a shadowy Ismail grunted an answer.

When he awoke at last it was after dawn, and light shone down the passage into the cave.

"Ismail!" he shouted, for he was thirsty. But there was no answer.

"Darya Khan!"

Again there was no answer. He called each of the other men by name with the same result. He decided to go to the cave mouth, summon his men, who were no doubt sleeping. But there was no Ismail near the entrance—no Darya Khan—nor any of the other men. The horse was gone. So was the mule. So was the harness, and everything he had, except the drugs and instruments and the presents the sick had given him; he had noticed all those lying about in confusion when he woke.

"Ismail!" he shouted at the top of his lungs, thinking they might all be outside.

He heard a man hawk and spit, close to the entrance, and went out to see. A man whom he had never seen before leaned on a magazine rifle and eyed him as a tiger eyes his prey.

"No farther!" he growled, bringing his rifle to the port.

"Why not?" King asked him.

"Allah! When a camel dies in the Khyber do the kites ask why? Go in!"

He thought then of Yasmini's bracelet, that had always gained him at least civility from every man who saw it. He held up his left wrist and knew that instant why it felt uncomfortable. The bracelet had disappeared!

He turned back into the cave to hunt for it, and the strange scent greeted him again. In spite of the surrounding stench of drugs and filthy wounds, there was no mistaking it. If it had been her special scent in Delhi, as Saunders swore it was, and her special scent on the note Darya Khan had carried down the Khyber, then it was hers now, and she had been in the cave.

He hunted high and low and found no bracelet. His pistol was gone, too, and his cartridges, but not the dagger, wrapped in a handkerchief, under his shirt. The money, that his patients had brought him, lay on the floor untouched. It was an unusual robber who had robbed him.

"Who's 'Bull-with-a-beard'?" he wondered. "Nobody interfered with me until I doctored his men. He's in opposition. That's a fair guess. Now, who in thunder—by the fat lord Harry—can 'Bull-with-a-beard' be? And why fighting in the Khyber so early as all this? And why does 'Bull-with-a-beard,' whoever he is, hang back?"

CHAPTER XII.

They came and changed the guard two hours after dawn, to the accompaniment of orders growled through the mist, and the crash of rifle-butts grounding on the rock path. King went to the cave entrance, to look the new man over; he was a Mahsudi—no sweeter to look at and no less treacherous for the fact. Also, that he had boils all over the back of his neck. He was not likely to be better tempered because of that fact, either. But it is an ill wind that blows no good to the secret service.

"There is an end to everything," he remarked presently, addressing the world at large, or as much as he could see of it through the cave mouth. "A hill is so high, a pool so deep, a river so wide. There is an end to pain!" he went on, adjusting his horn-rimmed spectacles. "I lanced a man's boils last night, and it hurt him, but he must be well today."

"Go in!" growled the guard. "She says it is sorcery! She says none are to let thee touch them!"

"I can heal boils!" said King, retiring into the cave. Then, from a safe distance down the passage, he added a word or two to sink in as the hours went by. At intervals throughout the day Yasmini sent him food by silent messengers. It is not easy to worry and eat heartily at one and the same time. Having eaten, he rolled up his sleeves and native-made cotton trousers and proceeded to clean the cave. After that he overhauled his stock of drugs and instruments, repacking them and making ready against opportunity.

"As I told that heathen with a gun out there, there's an end to everything!" he reflected. "May this come soon!"

The second guard that afternoon proved even less communicative than the first, up to the point when, to lessen his ennui, King began to whistle. Each time he came near the entrance the new guard could catch a few bars of the tune. After a little while the hook-nosed ruffian began to sing the words to it, in a voice like a forgotten dog's. So King stopped at the entrance and saw then a blood-soaked bandage on the right of his neck, not very far from the jugular.

"Hah!" said King. "Was that wound got in the Khyber the other day?"

"Nay. Here in Khinjan."

"A man told me last night," said King, drawing on imagination without any compunction at all, "that the fight in the Khyber was because a jihad is launched already."

"That man lied!" said the guard, shifting position uneasily, as if afraid to talk too much.

"So I told him!" answered King. "I told him there never will be another jihad."

"Then thou art a greater liar than he!" the guard answered hotly. "There will be a jihad when she is ready, such an one as never yet was! India shall bleed for all the fat years she has lain unplundered! Not a throat of an unbeliever in the world shall be left unslit! No jihad? Thou liar! Get in out of my sight!"

So King retired into the cave, with something new to think about. Was she planning the jihad! Or pretending to plan one? Every once in a while the guard leaned far into the cave mouth and hurled adjectives at him, the mildest of which was a well of information. If his temper was the temper of the "Hills," it was easy to read disappointment for a jihad that should have been already but had been postponed. King let him alone and paced the cave for hours.

He was squatting on his bed-end in the dark, like a spectacled image of Buddha, when the first of the three men came on guard again and at last Ismail came for him holding a pitchy torch that filled the dim passage full of acrid smoke and made both of them cough. Ismail was red-eyed with it.

"Come!" he growled. "Come, little hakim!" Then he turned on his heel at once, as if afraid of being twitted with desertion. He seemed to want to get outside, where he could keep out of range of words, yet not to wish to seem unfriendly.

But King made no effort to speak to him, following in silence out on to the dark ledge above the waterfall and noticing that the guard with the boils was back again on duty. He grinned evilly out of a shadow as King passed.

"Make an end!" he advised. "Jump, hakim, before a worse thing happens!"

To illustrate the suggestion he kicked a loose stone over the cliff, and the movement caused him to bend his neck and so inadvertently to hurt his boils. He cursed, and there was pity in King's voice when he spoke next.

"Do they hurt thee?"

"Aye, like the devil! Khinjan is a place of plagues!"

"I could heal them," King said, passing on, and the man stared hard.

"Come!" boomed Ismail through the darkness, shaking the torch to make it burn better and beckoning impatiently, and King hurried after him, leaving behind a savage at the cave mouth who fingered his sores and wondered, muttering, leaning on a rifle, muttering and muttering again as if he had seen a new light.

Instead of waiting for King to catch up, Ismail began to lead the way at great speed along a path that descended gradually until it curved round the end of the chasm and plunged into a tunnel where the darkness grew opaque. For thirty minutes he led swiftly down a crazy devil's stairway of uneven bowlders, stopping to lend a hand at the worst places, but everlastingly urging him to hurry.

Then the hell-mouth gloom began to grow faintly luminous, and the waterfall's thunder burst on their ears from close at hand. They emerged into fresh wet air and a sea of sound, on a rock ledge like the one above. Ismail raised the torch and waved it. The fire and smoke wandered up, until they flattened on a moving opal dome, that prisoned all the noises in the world.

"Earth's Drink!" he announced, waving the torch and then shutting his mouth tight, as if afraid to voice sacrilege.

It was the river, million-colored in the torchlight, pouring from a half-mile-long slash in the cliff above them and plunging past them through the gloom toward the very middle of the world. Somewhere it met rock bottom and boiled there, for a roar like the sea's came up from deeps unimaginable.

He watched the overturning dome until his senses reeled. Then he crawled on hands and knees to the ledge's brink and tried to peer over. But Ismail dragged him back.

"Come!" he howled; but in all that din his shout was like a whisper.

"How deep is it?" King bellowed back.

"Allah! Ask him who made it!"

The fear of the falls was on the Afridi, and he tugged at King's arm in a frenzy of impatience. Suddenly he let go and broke into a run. King trotted after him. After ten minutes' hurrying uphill he guessed they must be level with the river, in a tunnel running nearly parallel. Ismail kept looking back to bid King hurry and never paused once to rest.

"Come!" he urged fiercely. "This leads to the 'Heart of the Hills!'" And after that King had to do his best to keep the Afridi's back in sight.

They began after a time to hear voices and to see the smoky glare made by other torches. Then Ismail set the pace yet faster, and they became the last two of a procession of turbaned men, who tramped along a winding tunnel into a great mountain's womb. The sound of slippers clicking and rutching on the rock floor swelled and died and swelled again as the tunnel led from cavern into cavern.

In one great cave they came to every man beat out his torch and tossed it on a heap. After that there was a ledge above the height of a man's head on either side of the tunnel, and along the ledge little oil-burning lamps were spaced at measured intervals. A quarter of a mile farther along there were two sharp turns in the tunnel, and then at last a sea of noise and a veritable blaze of light.

Part of the noise made King feel homesick, for out of the mountain's very womb brayed a music-box, such as the old-time carousals made use of before the days of electricity and steam. It was being worked by inexpert hands, for the time was something jerky; but it was robbed of its tinny meanness and even lent majesty by the hugeness of a cavern's roof, as well as by the crashing, swinging music it played—wild—wonderful—invented for lawless hours and a kingless people.

"Marchons!—Citoyens!—"

The procession began to tramp in time to it, and the rock shook. They deployed to left and right into a space

"Come!" He Urged Fiercely. "This Leads to the 'Heart of the Hills!'"

so vast that the eye at first refused to try to measure it. It was the hollow core of a mountain, filled by the seasound of a human crowd and hung with huge stalactites that danced and shifted and flung back a thousand colors at the flickering light below. Across the cavern's farther end for a space of two hundred yards the great river rushed, plunging out of a great fanged gap and hurrying out of view down another one, licking smooth banks on its way with a hungry sucking sound.

There were little lamps everywhere, perched on ledges amid the stalactites, and they suffused the whole cavern in golden glow. In the midst of the cavern a great arena had been left bare, and thousands of turbaned men squatted round it in rings. At the end where the river formed a tangent to them the rings were flattened, and at that point they were cut into by the ramp of a bridge, and by a lane left to connect the bridge with the arena. The bridge end formed a nearly square platform, about fourteen feet above the floor, and the broad track thence to the arena, as well as all the arena's boundary, had been marked off by great earthenware lamps, whose greasy smoke streaked up and was lost by the wind among the stalactites.

"Greek lamps, every one of 'em!" King whispered to himself, but he wasted no time just then on trying to explain how Greek lamps had ever got there. There was too much else to watch and wonder at.

No steps led down from the bridge end to the floor; toward the arena it was blind. But from the bridge's farther end across the hurrying water stairs had been hewn out of the rock wall and led up to a hole of twice a man's height, more than fifty feet above water level.

On either side of the bridge end a passage had been left clear to the river edge, and nobody seemed to care to invade it, although it was not marked off in any way. Each passage was about fifty feet wide and quite straight. But the space between the bridge end and the arena, and the arena itself, had to be kept free from trespassers by fifty swaggering ruffians, armed to the teeth.

Every man of the thousands there had a knife in evidence, but the arena guards had magazine rifles as well as Khyber tulwars. Nobody else wore firearms openly. Some of the arena guards bore huge round shields of prehistoric pattern of a size and sort he had never seen before, even in museums. But there was very little that he was seeing that night of a kind that he had seen before anywhere!

The guards lolled insolently, conscious of brute strength and special favor. When any man trespassed with so much as a toe beyond the ring of lamps, a guard would slap his rifle-butt until the swivel rattled, and the offender would scurry into the crowd amid the jeers of any who had seen.

Shoving, kicking and elbowing with set purpose, Ismail forced a way through the already seated crowd and drew King down into the cramped space beside him, close enough to the arena to be able to catch the guards' low laughter. But he was restless. He wished to get nearer yet, only there seemed no room anywhere in front.

Then a guard threw his shield down with a clang and deliberately fired his rifle at the roof. The ricochetting bullet brought down a shower of splintered stone and stalactite, and he grinned as he watched the crowd dodge to avoid it.

Instantly a hundred men rose from different directions and raced for the arena, each with a curved sword in either hand. The yelling changed back into the chant, only louder than before, and by that much more terrible. Cymbals crashed. The music box resumed its measured grinding of the "Marseillaise." And the hundred began an Afridi sword dance, than which there is nothing wilder in all the world. Its like can only be seen under the shadow of the "Hills."

Ismail seemed obsessed by the spirit of hades let loose—drawn by it, as by a magnet, although subsequent events proved him not to have been altogether without a plan. He got up, with his eyes fixed on the dance, and thrust himself and King next to some Orakzai Pathans, elbowing savagely to right and left to make room. And patience proved scarce. The nearest man reached for the ever-ready Pathan knife, but paused in the instant that his knife licked clear. From a swift side glance at King's face he changed to a full stare, his scowl slowly giving place to a grin as he recognized him.

"Allah!" He drove the long blade back again.

"Well met, hakim! See—the wound heals finely!"

Baring his shoulder under the smelly sheepskin coat, he lifted a bandage gingerly to show the clean opening out of which King had coaxed a bullet the day before. It looked wholesome and ready to heal.

"Name thy reward, hakim! We Orakzai Pathans forget no favors!" (Now that boast was a true one.)

King nodded more to himself than to the other man. He needed, for instance, very much to know who was planning a jihad, and who "Bull-with-a-beard" might be; but it was not safe to confide just yet in a chance-made acquaintance. A very fair acquaintance with some phases of the East had taught him that names such as Bull-with-a-beard are often almost photographically descriptive. He rose to his feet to look. A blind man can talk, but it takes trained eyes to gather information.

The din had increased, and it was safe to stand up and stare, because all eyes were on the madness in the middle. There were plenty besides himself who stood to get a better view, and he had to dodge from side to side to see between them.

"I'm not to doctor his men. Therefore it's a fair guess that he and I are to be kept apart. Therefore he'll be as far away from me now as possible, supposing he's here."

Reasoning along that line, he tried to see the faces on the far side, but the problem was to see over the dancers' heads. He succeeded presently, when the Orakzai Pathan saw what he wanted, and in his anxiety to be agreeable reached forward to pull back a man from between the ranks in front. The owners offered instant fight, but made no further objection when they saw who wanted it and why. King wondered at their sudden change of mind.

He found a man soon who was not interested in the dancing, but who had eyes and ears apparently for everything and everybody else. He watched him for ten minutes, until at last their eyes met. Then he sat down and kicked the box back to its owners. He touched the Pathan's broad shoulder. The man smiled and bent his turbaned head to listen.

"Opposite," said King, "nearly exactly opposite—three rows from the front, counting the front row as one—there sits a man with a black beard, whose shoulders are like a bull's. As he sits he hangs his head between them. Look! See! Tell me truly what his name is!"

The Pathan got up and strode forward to stand on the box, kicking aside the elbows that leaned on it and laughing when the owners cursed him. He stood on it and stared for five minutes, counting deliberately three times over, striking a finger on the palm of his hand to check himself.

"Bull-with-a-beard!" he announced at last, dropping back into place beside King. "Muhammad Anim. The mullah Muhammad Anim."

"An Afghan?" King asked.

"He says he is an Afghan. But unless he lies he is from Ishtamboul (Constantinople)."

Itching to ask more questions, King—the hakim Kurram Khan—blinked mildly behind his spectacles and looked like one to whom a savage might safely ease his mind.

"He bade me go to Sikaram where my village is and bring him a hundred men for his lashkar. He says he has her special favor. Wait and watch, I say!"

"Has he money?" asked King, apparently drawing a bow at a venture for conversation's sake. But there is an art in asking artless questions.

King witnesses wild doings in the cavern and sees harrowing sights. Yasmini appears, a lovely vision, and the army of fighters go wild with enthusiasm.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Presbyterian—Centre Hall, morning.

Methodist—Sprucetown, morning, Centre Hall, afternoon; Spring Mills, evening.

Lutheran—Union, morning; Georges Valley, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.

Reformed—Tusseyville, afternoon, communion; Centre Hall, evening, Christmas service.

New Red Cross Members

Mrs. Andrew Zettle
Mrs. T. L. Moore
Mrs. Isaac Smith
Mrs. James Goodhart.
Mrs. Lucy Henney
Mrs. Paul Swabb
Mrs. J. K. Bitner
Mrs. Wallace N. Ilgen
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William Bartges
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Jasper Wagner
Harry Dinges
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Lynn Bitner
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DEATHS.

George John Meyer, the oldest resident in the eastern section of the county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nicodemus Lose, on Friday morning, aged eighty-seven years, ten months, and twenty-eight days. Pneumonia and heart trouble contributed toward his death. Burial was made in the Reformed cemetery at Aaronsburg Tuesday morning. Mr. Meyer was a miller in his earlier life, having been located at Coburn and Linden Hall. His wife died twenty-four years ago. Five children survive: W. H. Meyer, of Centre Hall; Thomas, of Millheim; Mrs. David Krader, Mrs. Nicodemus Lose, of Coburn, and Mrs. John Rishel, of Spring Mills. Also ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. (Rev.) William H. Groh died at her home in Carlisle. A full account of her death will appear in the next issue of this paper.

Linden Hall

Cloyd Brooks was taken quite sick on Tuesday with an attack of heart trouble.

Miss Mary Osman is spending a few days at the Loyd Brown home.

Orrie Rupp left for Altoona Friday where he will go to work Monday in the Juniata shops.

Among those from Linden Hall who contributed cakes and candies for the Christmas box sent to the soldiers at Camp Hancock were: Mrs. Daniel Callahan, Mrs. Frank McClintic, Mrs. Ruth McClintic, Mrs. Henry Houser, Mrs. William Houser, Mrs. Daniel Colyer, Mrs. George Searson, Mrs. James Swabb, Mrs. James From, Mrs. Robert McClellan, Mrs. Edward Sellers, Mrs. Elmer Campbell, Mrs. Frank Wieland.

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If you can go to sleep during the performance of that carnival of fun and music, "Oh Doctor", in which Hal Johnson, the world's famous impersonator will appear in the Garman Opera House, Monday, Dec. 31, you will be entitled to a medal as the champion sleeper of the world. There is not a dull moment in this exceedingly funny musical show. It is guaranteed as a sure cure for the blues and is filled to the brim with catchy songs and pretty girls. Johnson's impersonation of an actress is one of the most artistic and comical pieces of work seen in musical comedy for many a year.

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CLOSE OF DEER SEASON.

State Forester L. M. Detz of Coburn, Makes Accurate Report of Deer and Bear Killed.

The closing of the deer season for 1917 shows that over 100 deer and 11 bear were killed in the mountains of southern Centre county. Those not reported would probably raise this number to a considerable extent, although the many hunters were handicapped with a deep snow during the second week of the season. This made driving difficult and a number of parties gave up after several days experience under such conditions. Several parties remained, however, and secured one or two each during the week, while others were more successful and secured enough to reach their limit of six.

The Woodward Gun Club, camping in the Seven Mile Narrows, secured their sixth deer at noon of the last day, and it is needless to say that they departed for their homes, a very happy lot of hunters. They also took with them, and afterward sent to the Bellefonte hospital a doe, which was found in Sand Hollow. The Greenbrier party camping in Pine Swamp, secured their sixth deer on Wednesday, and the Rote-Wingard party camping at Paddy Mountain broke camp after killing the sixth of their number on Tuesday.

Co-operation of the many camps with the foresters and forest rangers made it possible for them to render such a complete report. Rangers McKinney of Spring Mills, Libby of Weikert and Stover of Livona visited the camps and found them in good shape and incidentally were able to secure an accurate report from these camps. Mr. McKinney reports that about 260 hunters looked for deer on the Seven Mountains Forest alone, or on land adjacent thereto. Seven camps housing up ten men were located on State land, and 15 camps housing up to 25 men located themselves on private holdings. To that number must be added several parties of one day hunters which comprised from 15 to 30 men. Those reported follow:

Party	From	Camp	Deer	Bear
Nevil,	Pottsville,	Venricks.	1	
Horner,	Pleas. Gap,	Runkle's	6	
Slack,	Centre Hall,	Stone Crk	2	
Bradford,	Centre Hall,	Pole Br.	4	
Koch,	Darragh,	Underwood.		
Zion,	Zion,	at W. Blauser's.	2	
Black Hawk,	Bl. Hwk.	'Stave Field		
Lochner,	Jeanette,	Krise Val.	1	
Colyer,	Colyer,	at Geary's.	4	
State College,		at Venrick's.	2	
Palmyra,	Palmyra,	Venrick's [Killed a doe with horn]	1	
Regular,	Pott. Mills,	Gherrity	2	
Ragged Butt	Militia,	Potters Mills, day hunters	1	
Yeagertown,	in Faust Valley		1	
Decker,	Schuylkill Haven,	at J. D Decker's	6	
Sweetwood,	Centre Hall,	Summit	3	
Schuylkill Haven,		at Lingle's	2	
Penn Hall,		at Ripka's	3	
Breon,	Schuylkill Haven,	at Mountain Church	1	
Brown,	Spring Mills,	Krader's	2	
Wole,	Zerby,	day hunters	1	
Snyder-Bonar,	Zerby,	day hunters	1	
Markle-Lee,	Hublersburg,	in Little Sugar Valley	1	
Rauchau - Shaffer,	Madisonburg,	Little Sugar Valley.	1	
Mountaineer Hunt. Club,	Coburn,	day hunters	2	
Greenbriar,	Coburn.	Swamp.	6	
Catawissa party	at Junction.		1	
Rote-Wingard,	Coburn,	Paddy Mountain	6	1
Rowe,	Millersburg,	Ingleby.	1	
Juniata,	at Panther's Run		1	
Snyder,	High Valley,	Snyders	6	
Woodward Gun Club,	in Seven Mile Narrows		6	
Woodward Volunteers,	day hunters		1	
Hosterman,	Woodward,	day hunters	2	1
Northumberland,	day hunters		1	
Northumberland,	at Panther Gap		3	
Boyertown,	at Stover Hotel.		1	
Rebersburg,	near Stover's		4	1
Bellwood,	at Schrade Place.		1	
Jersey Shore,	at 3 miles East	Stover's	1	
Albright,	Mifflinburg,	Half Way	1	
Hayes Road,	Forest Hill,	at Hayes Road	3	2
Purseley,	Weikert,	Bear Hol.	2	1
Sunbury-Trevorton,	Sunbury,	Cherry Run	4	1
White Mt. Hunt. Club,	Weikert		1	
Hoofnagle,	Weikert,	at Gap.	1	
Hironimus,	Lindale,	day hunt.	2	
Valentine,	Lindale,	day hunt.	3	1
Easton,	Easton,	at Libby's	1	3

INDIVIDUALS

J. Barnett, Weikert	1	
J, Pursley, Weikert	1	
W. Pursley, Weikert	1	
Ed. Sholter, Weikert	1	
Russell Auman, Coburn	1	
Roy Held, Millheim	1	
Totals	115	11

George Wingard, of the Rote-Wingard party, camping at Paddy Mountain, shot a wildcat during the first week of the season and it was added to the trophies of the party as a part of their very successful season's luck.

"COMMUNITY DAY" A SUCCESS.

People of Spring Mills and Community Take Great Interest in Work of Scholars.—Many Prizes Won.

The "Community Day" and Institute held a Spring Mills last Friday and Saturday was a great success, notwithstanding the weather conditions. It was estimated that between four and five-hundred patrons and friends viewed the exhibits which were judged by professors from State College. The lecture by Dr. King, on Friday evening, was very instructive and was highly appreciated by the audience, which filled the M. E. church. The institute was well attended and was a complete success from every viewpoint.

The winners in the spelling contests and those who captured the prizes in the vocational school on agricultural products are appended:

SPELLING CONTEST

(Pupils of Grades.)

Martha Weaver, first place, grammar
John Gramley, second place, grammar
Eugene Lee, second place, intermediate
Vera Sinkabine, third place, grammar
Leland Kline, fourth place, grammar
Charles Hackenberg, fifth place, grammar
Russell Braucher, sixth place, intermediate
Paul Weagley, seventh place, intermediate

(High School).

Marion Neese, first place
Teresa Wagner, second place

(Citizens).

Mrs. W. W. Hettinger, first place
Russel Condo, first place
Mabel Musser, second place
T. M. Gramley, third place
Charles Bartges, fourth place
J. C. Lee, fifth place

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

(Potatoes).

1. Biron Decker
2. Samuel Rearick
3. Lee Vonado

(Corn.—White Cap Yellow Dent.)

1. Jay Rachau
2. John Heckman
3. John Decker

(Yellow.)

1. Irvin Hennigh
2. Samuel Rearick
3. Charles Bartges

(Pop Corn.)

1. Samuel Rearick
2. Robert Albright
3. Lee Vonado

(Turnips.)

1. Samuel Rearick
2. Clarence Albright
3. John Meyer

(Beets.)

1. Clarance Albright
2. Ralph Hagan
3. Charles Bartges

(Cabbage.)

1. John Meyer
2. Robert Lee
3. Clarence Albright

(Squash.)

1. John Meyer

(Apples.)

The following took blue ribbons on various varieties of apples.

Warren McClellan, Ralph Hagan, John Decker, Paul Bartges, Edwin Musser.

(Gourds.)

Mary Foreman, Farmers Mills

(Squash.)

1. Bernadine Condo, Penn Hall
2. Rosie Frederick, Farmers Mills

(Broom Corn.)

1. Henry Zerby, Farmers Mills

(Buck Wheat.)

1. Irene Zerby, Farmers Mills
2. Irene Zerby, Farmers Mills

(Pumpkins.)

1. Eugene Slegal, Spring Mills

(Corn.—White Cap Yellow Dent.)

1. Maurice Miller, Hoy
2. Charles Orndorf, Hoy
3. Roy Rote, Farmers Mills

(Yellow.)

1. Robert Rishel, Farmers Mills
2. Maud Zerby, Farmers Mills
3. Eungard, Pike

(Cabbage.)

1. Goodhart, Pike
2. Katharine Rishel, Farmers Mills
3. M. H. & R. Lingle, Pike

(Pop Corn.)

1. Charles Ulrina, Penn Hall
2. C. M. Hackenburg, Spring Mills
3. Roy Rote, Farmers Mills

(Apples.)

1. Mary Hettinger, Farmers Mills
2. Goodhart, Pike
3. Russel Rote, Farmers Mills
1. Grove, Pike
2. Lingle, Pike
1. Minnie Uhl, Hoy
2. Sarah Foreman, Hoy
1. Clarence Miller, Hoy
2. Grove, Pike
1. Clarence Miller, Hoy
2. Alta Sinkabine, Murray

(Beets.)

1. Carrie Walker, Farmers Mills
2. Minnie Uhl, Hoy
3. Lingle, Pike

(Sugar Beet.)

2. Martin Schreckengast, Farmers Mills

(Cow Horn Turnips.)

1. John Rishel, Farmers Mills
2. Clarence Rachau, Hoy
3. Leland Kline, Spring Mills
3. Eugene Slegal, Spring Mills

(Endive.)

1. Rosie Frederick, Farmers Mills

(Beans.)

Sarah Foreman, Farmers Mills
2. Ella Albright, Penn Hall
3. Mary Sinkabine, Penn Hall

(Potatoes.)

1. Lingle, Pike
2. Bieber Rishel, Farmers Mills
3. Groves, Pike
1. Irene Zerby, Farmers Mill
2. Eugene Slegal, Spring Mills
2. C. A. Hackenburg, Spring Mills

(Onions.)

1. Charles Orndorf, Hoy
2. Carrie Walker, Farmers Mills

(Carrots.)

2. Eugene Slegal, Spring Mills

(Turnips.)

1. Rosie Frederick, Farmers Mills
2. Harold Stover, Hoy
3. Groves, Pike

STANDING OF THE SCHOOLS IN PRIZES TAKEN.

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3. Hoy, 9 points

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LOCALS.

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Good news—Larro Feed is back again.—R. D. Foreman. adv.

Allen Laying Mash only $3.80 per hundred.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

Miss Anna Stover, of Altoona, spent a few days last week at the home of sister, Mrs. William McClenahan.

Messrs. Cleveland Mitterling and Fred Fisher expect to ship a carload of cows to Collegeville on Saturday.

Prof. C. R. Neff was among those from this section who attended the State Grange sessions at Williamsport last week.

The only Christmas service in Centre Hall this season will be held in the Reformed Church on Sunday evening, 23rd inst.

The carol singers are planning to sing the Christmas carols at various points in the town on Christmas eve, as was done last year.

A Christmas Cantata will be held in the M. E. church at Pleasant Gap on Tuesday evening, December 25. Everybody is cordially invited.

The residence and barn of Clyde Dutrow, east of Centre Hall, was wired for electric light by Messrs. C. W. Boozer and Clymer McClenahan.

To stimulate Winter Egg production feed Beef Scraps. Fresh stock just received, $5.00 per hundred.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

The next Lecture Course entertainer will appear on Saturday evening, January 12, 1918. Mildred Warnock, a reader, will be the attraction.

The regular preaching service in the local Reformed church, next Sunday morning, will be dispensed with on account of the Christmas service in the evening.

Come along now with your small savings and let Uncle Sam have them in exchange for thrift stamps and saving certificates. See your local postmaster.

James Keller, of Centre Hall, and Pealer Rossman, of Spring Mills, both students at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, are home for the Christmas vacation.

During last week the roads over which the rural mail carriers passed from this office, were rated in worse condition than at any time during the service of the carriers.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Jacobs, of Steubenville, Ohio, are expected in Centre Hall the latter part of the week to spend the Christmas season at the home of the former's mother.

I need lots of poultry now. Use Leg Bands to mark your Pullets. Sell your cull stock. Any thing in the Poultry line. Both phones.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

The increased milk flow, the improved condition of your stock, and the ease of handling—Larro Feed is the cheapest feed or combination of feeds on the market. R. D. Foreman. adv.

Chester Johnson, of Pine Grove Mills, is suffering from a gun shot wound in his foot, caused by the accidental discharge of his gun while walking through the street of his home town.

The school children in the borough schools will have all next week to enjoy the Christmas season away from readin', writin' and 'rithmetic. There will be school, however, on New Year's Day.

The best Christmas gift you can give the editor (and it will be much appreciated one) is a a renewal of your subscription to the Reporter. In this case we will say, "Do your Christmas giving early".

H. F. Musser, one of the Potter township auditors, placed the "copy" of the financial statement of the township with this office a few days ago. The statement will appear in the next issue of the Reporter.

The latter part of last week William H. Kuhn returned from a visit to Jersey Shore, where he had lived for a number of years. He witnessed the great fire, having lodged near to the building where the fire originated.

Many farmers are nearly out of water and for the past week or more have been hauling it in barrels and tanks. The foot of snow on the ground at the present time reduced to water would certainly relieve the situation.

J. H. Puff received a short message from his son, Leroy Puff, from Buffalo, New York, last week, the young man having just arrived there from a season of training in the telegraphers corps at Rockford, Illinois. The indications were that he, with others, would soon set sail for France.

A boiler on a saw mill located near Martha, on the Heaton tract, carrying eighty pounds of steam exploded and completely wrecked the mill. The boiler landed over one hundred feet away from its foundation. One man, Charles Miller, the fireman, was injured. He had his ankle broken.

Dr. G. W. Hosterman expects to leave on Christmas day for Lancaster, where will he spend the balance of the week with his son, S. V. Hosterman, Esq., and family. Prof. J. S. Hosterman and family, of Danbury, Conn., also expect to be at the Hosterman home in Lancaster at this time.

LOCALS

The pink label this week. Take a look at it.

Larro Feed—the more-milk feed that's guaranteed. Car just in.—R. D. Foreman. adv.

Wanted—Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chickens.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

John Coldren, one of the Standard employes at Burnham, is home as the result of the works closing down for want of fuel.

Kindly attend to that matter of renewing your subscription before January 1st shows up. Your label should show an eight (8). Does it?

Mrs. W. B. Mingle will leave this (Thursday) for Philadelphia to spend the winter with her son, W. Gross Mingle, and other relatives in that city.

Harry Durst, of Reedsville, brother of Mrs. H. W. Harper, of Centre Hall, is among those who will make up Mifflin county's quota for the first draft.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Magee and two sons—Huyett and William—of Wenonah, New Jersey, are expected at the Huyett home the latter part of this week to remain over the Yuletide season.

Miss Esther Bitner, teacher of the Colyer school, has arranged a Christmas entertainment to be given by her scholars in the school building this (Thursday) evening. The school patrons are cordially invited to be present.

The Standard steel works at Burnham have temporarily suspended operations on account of coal being delayed in shipment because of the general tie-up of railroad transportation. About thirty-four carloads of coal are required every twenty-four hours for the operation of the plant.

Among the enlistments in the U. S. Army service in which the Reporter readers will be interested is that of William Wolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Witmer Wolf, of Ardmore, who volunteered to serve in a medical corps, in the surgical instrument department. He expected to sail for France on the 15th inst. He scored one hundred per cent. in physical examination. About the same time he enlisted, the engagement of Miss Edith Taylor, of Ardmore, to the young soldier, was announced.

BOALSBURG.

David Stuart, of Ingram, was a recent visitor with his mother, Mrs. Emma Stuart.

A great many people are taking advantage of the fine ice, by filling their ice houses.

A. W. Dale and daughter Cathryn spent Thursday of last week at Bellefonte.

Oscar Rishel, who has spent several months in Akron, Ohio, returned to his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Shuey and two children moved to State College last Wednesday.

Cyril Zechman, of Selinsgrove, came to his home here last week where he will spend his Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Charles Segner spent several days last week with relatives at Carlisle.

Mrs. J. P. Wagner and niece, Helen Meyer, of Altoona, spent several days last week at the home of the former's father, D. W. Meyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weber, of Huntingdon, J. H. Weber, of Centre Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gettig, of Altoona, attended the funeral of J. H. Meyer.

Among the Bellefonte visitors from Boalsburg on Monday were: Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Stover, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keller, Mrs. L. E. Kidder and daughter Mary.

The Lutheran Sunday school will hold their Christmas entertainment on Sunday evening, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock. The Reformed Sunday school will hold their Christmas entertainment Tuesday evening, December 25.

At the July meeting of the Civic Club the chairman of the conservation committee made a request that each member dry five pounds or less of fruit, corn or beans, the same to be sent to the Red Cross secretary for the proper distribution. Any person, whether member of the Civic Club or not, desiring to contribute to this worthy cause, may leave their contributions at the home of Mrs. Owen Mothersbaugh before January 1st, 1918.

The Modoc Gun and Rod Club, from Boalsburg, returned to their homes on Friday from their annual hunting trip, with the limit of deer. The lucky nimrods were: D. W. Meyer, 4-point buck; Robert McCreg, 4-point buck; Philip Holter, 4-point buck; Robert C. Bailey, 4-point buck; John Hess, 2-point buck; Samuel Hess, spike buck. The remainder of the party are: H. C. Bailey, J. B. Krebs, W. J. Bloom, A. M. Lauver, J. D. Mayes, John Mokel, Wayne Keller, and Frank Bailey. The president of the club is D. W. Meyer and the secretary is H. C. Bailey. Beside the luck these hunters had they also had a fine outing and a trip never to be forgotten.

The dairy feed that is just right—the Larro Feed. Car just in. R. D. Foreman. adv.

NOTICE FROM LOCAL DRAFT BOARD.

Sheriff Yarnell Calls Attention of Public and Registrants to Matter Relating to Questionnaire.

Any person desiring to claim a deferred classification by either Local or District Board on any ground in respect of any registrant designated herein may, within seven days from the date thereof, and not later, submit such claims to this Local Board accompanied by such affidavit evidence as such person may desire to have considered.

Such claims either by a registrant or by another in respect of any registrant may be submitted either by entering the same in the place provided on the first sheet of the registrant's questionnaire or by submitting such claim to this board on a duplicate of such first sheet (1001—A). If it is desired to submit affidavit evidence in support of such claim and in addition to the evidence contained in the registrant's questionnaire, such affidavits must be prepared on paper of the same size as the questionnaire, and should be responsive to the questions asked the registrant respecting the ground of such claim in the pertinent divison of the questionnaire.

Section 7 of Selective Services Regulations provides:

The process of examination and selection of registrants, under these rules and regulations, shall begin by the posting of notice in the offices of the Local Boards on Form 1002, and by mailing a questionnaire (Form 1001) to every registrant included within such posted notice, as provided in section 92 hereof; and notice every subsequent action taken by either the Local or District Board in respect of each registrant shall be given by entering a minute or date of such action on the classification list (Form 1000) in the office to the Local Board, and in addition to such entries, by mailing to the registrant, and in some cases to other claimants, a notice of such action.

Whenever a duty is to be performed or a period of time begins to run within which any duty is to be performed by any such registrant, or within which any right or privilege may be claimed or exercised by or in respect of any such registrant, a notice of the day upon which such duty is to be performed, or such time begins to run, shall be mailed to the registrant, and the date of such mailing of notice shall be entered opposite the name of such registrant on the classification list (Form 1000), which is always open to inspection by the public at the office of the Local Board. In addition to the mailing of such notice to registrants, notice of the disposition of claims made by other persons in respect of registrants shall be mailed to such other persons. Either the mailing of such notice of the entry of such a date in the classification list shall constitute the giving of notice to the registrant and to all concerned, and shall charge the registrant and all concerned with notice of the day upon which such duty is to be performed or the beginning of the running of the time within which such duty must be performed or such right or privilege may be claimed, regardless of whether or not a mailed notice or questionnaire is actually received by the registrant or other person.

Failure of any registrant to perform any duty subscribed by the selective Service Law or by these Rules and Regulations, at or within the time required, is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of one year, and may result in loss of valuable rights and immediate induction of such registrant into military service.

Failure of the registrant or any person concerned to claim and exercise any right or privilege on the day or within the time authorized by these rules and regulations shall be considered a waiver of such right or privilege, and shall forclose such person from theresfter claiming the same, subject only to the privileges granted by these rules and regulations to apply for an extension of time.

GEO. H. YARNELL,
Member of Local Board.

December 16, 1917.

Spring Mills.

The ice is being harvested rapidly.

Harry Finkle is spending his vacation with his parents.

John Meyer's little daughter has been very ill for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rishel, Tibbon Zubler and family, attended the funeral of Mrs. Rishel's father, Mr. Meyer at Coburn, on Tuesday.

Mrs. George Benner, of Centre Hall, spent Saturday with Mrs. William Smith.

Rev. A. M. Kennelly, of York, spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. Mary Kennelly.

Clair Allison and wife, of Renovo, were Sunday visitors at the H. M. Allison home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sinkabine, and Mr. and Mrs. William Rishel attended the funeral of Mrs. Zeigler, at Lock Haven, on Monday.

Word was received of the death of Mrs. Daniel Zeigler, at Lock Haven. Mr. and Mrs. Zeigler lived in this vicinity all their lives until a few years ago, when they moved to State College, and then to Lock Haven. Burial was made at Lock Haven.

Marriage Licenses.

Lane E. Lucas, Fleming
Hanna C. Hipple, Fleming

Dorsey B. Eckenroth, Pleasant Gap
Bessie F. Emerick, Centre Hall

Clyde G. Swartz, Bellefonte
Charlotte E. Yearick, Nittany

Roy E. Johnson, Mileburg
Lillian G. Koch, Bellefonte

Chas. A. Vangorder, Centre Hall
Sallie C. Krader, Centre Hall

Boyd E. Lonberger, Pleasant Gap
Ula Villa Auman, Millheim

No Paper Next Week.

Next week being Christmas week, no paper will be issued from this office, which will be in keeping with a time-honored custom. The office, however, will be open every day for receiving subscriptions and orders for printing.

The Reporter wishes all its subscribers a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Georges Valley

Hobert Barger came home from Renovo where he had been employed.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Decker spent Sunday with friends at Spring Mills.

Mrs. Ida Decker went to Altoona last Friday to spend a week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Erving have returned to their home in Altoona after a month's visit at the home of S. C. Decker.

P. A. Auman is building a large chicken house. He says with eggs at 50c per dozen they must have a good warm house.

Mrs. Susan Davis has returned home after spending two weeks at Woodward with her daughter, Mrs. George Wingard.

ANNUAL ELECTION.—

The annual election of the FARMERS MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CENTRE COUNTY will be held in the grand jury room, Court House, Bellefonte, Pa., on Monday, January 14th, 1918, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of twelve directors for the ensuing year.

H. E. DUCK, President,
FRANK M. FISHER, Sec.

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Lungs Are Weakened By Hard Colds

HILL'S CASCARA BROMIDE QUININE

The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No opiates—no unpleasant after effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red Top and Mr. Hill's picture on it 24 Tablets for 25c.

At Any Drug Store

THE MARKETS.

PRODUCE AT STORES

Butter	.42
Eggs	.50

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

In the matter of Hyman S. Steinberg and Louis S. Steinberg, co-partners trading as Steinberg Brothers and as individuals.

BANKRUPTS

IN BANKRUPTCY

NO. 3569

To the creditors of the above named bankrupts:—Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of December A. D. 1917 the said Hyman S. Steinberg and Louis S. Steinberg, co-partners trading as Steinberg Brothers and as Individuals were duly adjudicated bankrupts and that the first meeting of their creditors will be held at the office of W. Harrison Walker, Esq., Masonic Temple, Bellefonte, Pa. on the 21st day of December A. D. 1917 at 1:45 o'clock p. m. at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupts and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Philipsburg, Pa. M. Ward Fleming
December 6th, 1917 Referee in Bankruptcy

FOR SALE—The Geiss property, located immediately opposite the Reporter office.—S. W. Smith, Centre Hall

The Edison Diamond Amberola.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST VALUE IN PHONOGRAPHS, will be increased in price on January 1st, 1918.

You of course will want to buy your Diamond Amberola before January 1st. Let us give you a word of advice about the freight situation. Freight is moving very slowly. There may be freight embargos. Order your Diamond Amberola now and make sure of getting it before January 1st.

James L. Decker, Centre Hall, Pa.

FOR SALE

Thorobred Poland-China Hogs ALL AGES On hand all times

Bell Phone W. F. COLYER, Centre Hall, Pa.

Merry Christmas

YOU WILL FIND

SMITH'S

A REAL GIFT STORE

We are fully prepared to solve that everlasting perplexing problem that appears annually—"What shall I give for Christmas."

To enumerate the big list of appropriate and acceptable articles for gift-giving which we have, would fill a page. So we simply say to you, Come in and choose from our Big Christmas Stock.

Christmas Goods

suitable for Father, Mother, Brother, Sister & Baby

Many Valuable Articles in Wool

A Handsome Scarf, Neck Piece, Gloves, Mittens, or a Pretty Sweater will please many members of a family, and is something you can give without feeling any regrets. You will find these woolen goods all moderately priced, too.

Toys for the Children

Our "Toyland," with its complete assortment of mechanical toys will surely please the children. Bring them in to see what's new in Toyland.

Lots of CANDY for All

Those who thought the sugar shortage would affect the Christmas candy crop, will find a pleasant surprise in our well stocked cases. All grades and prices—AND ALL PURE.

Make this Store your Headquarters for Xmas buying.

C. M. SMITH

Penns Valleys's Big Store [CENTRE HALL

Merry Christmas

LENIENT WITH THE AUSTRIANS

President's Proclamation Imposes Few Restrictions.

NOT IN ALIEN ENEMY CLASS

Not Barred From Restricted Zones Or District Of Columbia And Will Not Be Compelled To Register.

Washington.—Austro-Hungarian subjects in the United States, most of the million or more of whom are laborers and are loyal to the Allied war cause, will suffer few restrictions as a result of war between the lands of their birth and adoption.

In a proclamation declaring a state of war with Austria-Hungary, in accordance with the act of Congress, President Wilson specified that unnaturalized Austro-Hungarians, unlike the Germans in this country, should be free to live and travel anywhere, except that they may not enter or leave the United States without permission, and those suspected of enemy activity may be interned. They need not register with police or postoffice officials, as Germans will be required to do shortly, and are not barred from the 100-yard zones about piers, docks and warehouses closed to Germans and are not required to leave the District of Columbia.

Washington.—President Wilson's proclamation declaring a state of war with Austria-Hungary and laying down rules for the conduct and treatment of Austrians and Hungarians, after citing the resolution of Congress authorizing war with Austria, says:

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim to all whom it may concern that a state of war exists between the United States and the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian Government; and I do specially direct all officers, civil or military, of the United States that they exercise vigilance and zeal in the discharge of the duties incident to such a state of war; and I do, moreover, earnestly appeal to all American citizens that they, in loyal devotion to their country, dedicated from its foundation to the principles of liberty and justice, uphold the laws of the land, and give undivided and willing support to those measures which may be adopted by the constitutional authorities in prosecuting the war to a successful issue and obtaining a secure and just peace;

"And, acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the United States, and the aforesaid sections of the revised statutes, I do hereby further proclaim and direct that the conduct to be observed on the part of the United States toward all natives, citizens, denizens or subjects of Austria-Hungary, being males of the age of fourteen years and upwards, who shall be within the United States and not actually naturalized, shall be as follows:

"All natives, citizens, denizens or subjects of Austria-Hungary, being males of fourteen years and upwards, who shall be within the United States and not actually naturalized are enjoined to preserve the peace towards the United States, and to refrain from crime against the public safety, and from violating the laws of the United States and of the states and territories thereof, and to refrain from actual hostility or giving information, aid or comfort to the enemies of the United States, and to comply strictly with the regulations which are hereby or which may be from time to time promulgated by the President; and so long as they shall conduct themselves in accordance with law and they shall be undisturbed in the peaceful pursuit of their lives and occupations and be accorded the consideration due to all peaceful and law-abiding persons, except so far as restrictions may be necessary for their own protection and for the safety of the United States; and towards such of said persons as conduct themselves in accordance with law, all citizens of the United States are enjoined to preserve the peace and to treat them with all such friendliness as may be compatible with loyalty and allegiance to the United States.

"And all natives, citizens, denizens or subjects of Austria-Hungary, being males of the age of fourteen years and upwards, who shall be within the United States and not actually naturalized, who fail to conduct themselves as so enjoined, in addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, shall be liable to restraint, or to give security, or to remove and depart from the United States in the manner prescribed by section four thousand and sixty-nine and four thousand and seventy of the Revised Statutes, and as prescribed in regulations duly promulgated by the President.

"And pursuant to the authority vested in me, I hereby declare and establish the following regulations, which I find necessary in the premises and for the public safety:

"1. No native, citizen, denizen or subject of Austria-Hungary, being a male of the age of fourteen years and upwards and not actually naturalized, shall depart from the United States until he shall have received such permit as the President shall prescribe, or except under order of a court, judge or justice, under sections 4069 and 4070 of the revised statutes;

"2. No such person shall land in or enter the United States, except under such restrictions and at such places as the President may prescribe.

"3. Every such person of whom there may be reasonable cause to believe that he is aiding or about to aid the enemy, or who may be at large to the danger of the public peace or safety, or who violates or attempts to violate, or of whom there is reasonable ground to believe that he is about to violate any regulation duly promulgated by the President, or any criminal law of the United States, or of the states or territories thereof will be subject to summary arrest by the United States Marshal, or his deputy, or such other officers as the President shall designate and to confinement in such penitentiary, prison, jail, military camp, or other place of detention as may be directed by the President.

"The proclamation and the regulations herein contained shall extend and apply to all land and water continental or insular, in any way within the jurisdiction of the United States."

BISHOP IS ACCUSED.

Disloyalty Charge Against Rt. Rev. Paul Jones, Of Utah.

St. Louis.—Bishop Paul Jones, of the Diocese of Utah, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, appeared before a committee of three bishops which met here to consider charges of disloyalty that have been made against him.

The committee is composed of Bishop Tuttle, of Missouri; Bishop Kinsolving, of Texas, and Bishop Coadjutor Longley, of Iowa.

The charge against Bishop Jones is based on statements he is alleged to have made with reference to the war.

TROLLEY FURLOUGHS ONLY.

National Army Recruits Limited As To Xmas Journeys.

Washington.—Men of the National Army will not be given Christmas furloughs unless they live within trolley distance of their cantonments, the War Department has decided.

Secretary Baker in an announcement assigned the harmful effect a general leave would have on camp discipline and the heavy burden it would throw on the railroads as reasons for the department's action.

PORTUGAL AGAIN IS QUIET.

Revolutionary Committee Continues In Charge Of Affairs.

Vigo, Spain.—News from the frontier indicate that quiet prevails throughout Portugal. The new Government has not yet been constituted, according to advices at hand, the revolutionary committee continuing its functions. The number of wounded in the fighting that accompanied the outbreak was 530, according to the latest information.

SPANISH SHIP BOMBED.

Government To Protest To Germany Over Loss Of Eight Of Crew.

Madrid.—Premier Alhucemas made official announcement that the Spanish Steamship Claudio had been bombarded by a German submarine, eight sailors being killed and others wounded. The Claudio was bound from an American port for Spain, with a cargo of sulphates for Spanish use. The Government is preparing a protest to Germany.

BILLION IN FOOD EXPORTED

Exports For 10 Months Show Great Increase.

Washington.—Exports of foodstuffs from the United States for the 10 months ending in October totaled $1,082,244,046, figures announced by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce show. For the same period last year the total was $865,942,176. Exports of foodstuffs in October of this year exceeded $98,000,000.

PEACE PRIZE TO RED CROSS.

International Committee Of Geneva Gets This Year's Award.

Christiania.—The Nobel peace prize for 1917 has been awarded the International Red Cross Committee of Geneva. The peace prize reserved from 1916, when no award was made, was added by unanimous action of the custodians to the special fund of the Red Cross International Committee.

MORE CONGRESSMEN RETURN.

Members Of Party Which Has Been Observing War.

An Atlantic Port.—Five members of the American Congressional and Citizens' Committee, which has been observing war operations in France and Belgium for several weeks, arrived here aboard an American steamship. The main body of the party returned recently.

THIRTEEN HANGED AT FORT HOUSTON

Negro Soldiers of the 24th Infantry Executed.

41 GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

Four Others Receive Shorter Terms And Five Are Acquitted—Soldiers Spring Traps Of Gallows.

San Antonio, Texas.—Thirteen of the negroes of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, United States Army, found guilty of complicity in the riot and mutiny at Houston on August 23, were hanged on the military reservation at Fort Sam Houston. Announcement of the carrying out of the sentence was made at headquarters of the Southern Department.

Only army officers and Sheriff John Tobin, of Bexar county, were present when the sentence was carried out by soldiers from the post. No newspaper men or civilian spectators were allowed, the time and place of execution having been kept a secret.

Of the 63 men tried by the same court-martial, 41 were sentenced to life imprisonment. One man was sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and to be conned at hard labor for two and a half years. Three were sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the army, forfeit all pay and allowances and be confined at hard labor for two years. Five were acquitted.

"Good-by boys of Company C," were the last words uttered by the condemned men as the traps were sprung and they dropped to their death on the scaffold.

Men of Company C, Nineteenth Infantry, have been guarding the negro prisoners since they were brought to San Antonio to stand trial before a court-martial for complicity in the riot at Houston on August 23 last.

The execution took place about two miles east of Camp Travis, on a great scaffold which had been erected during the night.

A column of 125 cavalrymen and 100 infantry soldiers assembled at the cavalry guadrhouse where the negroes were confined at 5.30 o'clock A. M. Trucks conveyed the prisoners to the scene of the execution. With Millard F. Waltz, post commander in command, the column arrived at 6.20 A. M. The guard assembled in hollow square formation around the scaffold and the prisoners were given the order to march to execution.

Without a tremor they stepped out with soldierly tread and singing a hymn walked to their places. Prayers were said by a negro minister and by two army chaplains and then the men were ordered to stand on the traps. Resuming their song they stood erect and displayed fortitude while the ropes were adjusted.

At 7.17 a major gave the order to spring the traps. The triggers had been arranged one for each trap and six men were assigned to each. At the word of command they pulled on the triggers and the thirteen dropped to their deaths.

Recalls Execution In Mexican War.

Washington.—The hanging of 13 negro troopers for complicity in the Houston riot was unknown to practically all officials of the War Department until it was announced at Fort Sam Houston. Doubtless the death sentence of the court-martial and the preparations for the executions were known to a few high officials, but so far as can be learned the departmental commander carried out the executions as a routine affair, as he is warranted to do in time of war and will only make the usual report which was received in news dispatches.

Were the country at peace the executions would have required the approval of the President. In time of war, however, all such authority is decentralized and placed with responsible commanders.

No such wholesale execution in the army has occurred within the memory of the present generation. The last of its kind was the execution of the so-called "St. Patrick's Battalion," by General Scott during the Mexican War. Members of the battalion deserted, joined the Mexican forces, later made their homes in Mexico, marrying native women, and many of their descendants now are found there, natives of that country in all respects, but bearing names quite foreign to the language they speak.

HUGHES VISITS WILSON.

Pays Call While In Capital On A Supreme Court Case.

Washington.—Charles E. Hughes was a visitor at the White House Monday. He came, he said afterwards, to take his first opportunity of personally assuring the President that he was with him heart and soul in everything he is doing for the vigorous prosecution of the war. The two men shook hands heartily and talked smilingly for five minutes. Mr. Hughes was in Washington for the argument of a case in the United States Supreme Court.

PRESIDENT URGES ALL TO JOIN RED CROSS.

Washington.—President Wilson has issued a proclamation in which he urges every one not already a member to join the Red Cross during the membership campaign starting next Sunday and continuing until Christmas Eve. With the slogan "make it a Red Cross Christmas," an effort will be made to add ten million new members to the five million now in the organization. Only one week has been allotted to the intensive drive.

The President's appeal is as follows:

"To the People of the United States:

"Ten million Americans are invited to join the American Red Cross during the week ending with Christmas Eve. The times require that every branch of our great national effort shall be loyally upheld and it is peculiarly fitting that at Christmas season the Red Cross should be the branch through which your willingness to help is expressed.

"You should join the American Red Cross because it alone can carry the pledges of Christmas good will to those who are bearing for us the real burdens of the world wa rboth in our Army and Navy and in the nations upon whose territory the issues of the world war are being fought out. Your evidence of faith in this work is necessary for their heartening and cheer.

"You should join the Red Cross because this arm of the nations service is steadfastly and efficiently maintaining the overseas relief in every suffering land, administering our millions wisely and well and awakening the gratitude of every people. Our conscience will not let us enjoy the Christmas season if this pledge of support to our cause and the world's weal is left unfulfilled. Red Cross membership is the Christmas spirit in terms of action.

"WOODROW WILSON.

"President of the American Red Cross."

ITALY HONORS AMERICA.

Celebrates Declaration Of War Against Austria.

Rome.—All Rome was decorated with Italian and American flags to celebrate the declaration of war by the United States against Austria-Hungary. A parade several miles in length, comprising Senators, Deputies, associations and townspeople, marched through the city to the square facing the American Embassy, where a great demonstration was held, the bands playing Italian and American airs.

Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page and his staff appeared at the windows of the embassy and were enthusiastically greeted.

The Mayor of Rome, Prince Colonna, invoked the municipality for a special sitting of the Capitol in honor of the United States.

In a speech emphasizing the great proof President Wilson had given of the friendship of America toward Italy by rushing to fight by her side the moment the enemy had invaded Italian territory, Prince Colonna declared that America and Italy were indissolubly united in a war of liberty, justice and civilization against tyranny. Amid cheers, the Prince proposed to name a street in Rome for President Wilson, in honor of the American declaration of war on Austria-Hungary. Later the Mayor, Aldermen and Councilors joined in the demonstration before the American Embassy. Here the Mayor and several others expressed Italy's gratitude to the United States.

Ambassador Page thanked the demonstrators, saying that the United States could not but come to the aid of Italy and of Rome, "the cradle of civilization and religion in a war conducted for ideals common to both countries and for that freedom which is the essential reason for their existence."

GERMANS HAVE 2,500 PLANES.

Army Possesses An Air Strength Of 273 Squadrillas.

On the French Front in France.—What are considered approximately exact figures of Germany's air strength show that the German army possesses 273 squadrillas, comprising about 2,500 airplanes.

The squadrillas are divided as follows:

One hundred of artillery spotters, 80 of scouts, 23 of bombers, 49 of chasers and 30 battleplane squadrillas for the protection of the bombers.

WOMEN LETTER-CARRIERS.

Ten Are Added To The New York Postoffice Department.

New York.—Ten women letter-carriers were added to the list of women who have entered various lines of public service in New York City. They are to assist in handling the holiday rush of postal business. It is understood here that if the experiment proves a success, Washington authorities will authorize the regular employment of women in many divisions of the Postal Service.

THE HOLY CITY IN BRITISH HANDS

Turks Are Forced to Give Up Jerusalem.

SAFEGUARDING HOLY PLACES

Glorious Consummation Of Endeavor Which For 1,200 Years Has Been The Desire Of The Christian World.

London.—Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons that Jerusalem, after being surrounded on all sides by British troops, had surrendered.

The Chancellor said British, French and Mohammedan representatives were on the way to Jerusalem to safeguard the holy places.

General Allenby reported that on Saturday he attacked the enemy's positions south and west of Jerusalem, the Chancellor said. Welsh and Home County troops, advancing from the direction of Bethlehem, drove back the enemy, and, passing Jerusalem on the east, established themselves on the Jerusalem-Jericho road. At the same time London infantry and dismounted yeomanry attacked the strong enemy positions west and northwest of Jerusalem and placed themselves astride the Jerusalem-Shechem road. The Holy City, being thus isolated, surrendered to General Allenby.

The Chancellor said General Allenby expected to enter Jerusalem officially Tuesday, accompanied by the commanders of the French and Italian contingents and the heads of the French political mission. British political officers, together with the British governor, were in the party that had gone ahead on the safeguarding mission, the Chancellor stated.

The capture of Jerusalem had been delayed to some degree, added the Chancellor, in consequence of the great care that had been taken to avoid damage to the sacred places in and around the city.

Turks Held It 673 Years.

The capture of Jerusalem by the British forces marks the end, with two brief interludes, of more than 1,200 years' possession of the seat of the Christian religion by the Mohammedans. For 673 years the Holy City has been in indisputed ownership of the Turks, the last Christian ruler of Jerusalem being the German Emperor, Frederick II, whose short-lived domination lasted from 1229 to 1244.

Apart from its connection with the campaign being waged against Turkey by the British in Mesopotamia, the fall of Jerusalem marks the definite collapse of the long-protracted efforts of the Turks to capture the Suez Canal and invade Egypt. Almost the first move made by Turkey after her entrance into the war was a campaign against Egypt across the great desert of the Sinai Peninsula.

BREAKS WITH GERMANY.

On The Verge Since Peru In October Dismissed German Minister.

Guayaquil, Ecuador.—Ecuador has severed diplomatic erlations with Germany, according to an official announcement made by the government.

Ecuador has been on the verge of breaking diplomatic relations with Germany since early in October last, when Peru, Ecuador's neighbor on the south, dismissed the German minister at Lima, Dr. Perl. After receiving his passports from the Peruvian government Dr. Perl, who also was the accredited minister to Ecuador, intimated that he would take up his residence at Quito, the Ecuadorean capital. The Ecuadorean secretary of foreign affairs, however, announced that the minister would not be received officially by the government of Ecuador. Dispatches from Quito said the action of the foreign secretary was taken in order to demonstrate the close affiliation of Ecuador with the Union of American Republics. This step was construed in diplomatic circles as virtually equivalent to a rupture of relations between Ecuador and Germany.

COMMEND MUSKRAT FLESH.

Trappers Say It Is Good As Chicken, Seven Cents A Pound.

Winona, Minn.—Muskrat flesh is to be recommended to the National Food Administration as a substitute for meats now in use, according to a report submitted to the Winona chamber of commerce by local trappers. According to the report, the trappers assert a million pounds of muskrat flesh goes to waste annually in the Upper Mississippi Valley. The trappers point out that the muskrat is a clean animal, living on vegetable food and the flesh, when properly prepared, can scarcely be distinguished from chicken. The average carcass weighs about a pound. The meat has been offered for sale in Winona at from 5 to 7 cents a pound.

Why That Lame Back?

Morning lameness, sharp twinges when bending, or an all-day backache; each is cause enough to suspect kidney trouble. Get after the cause. Help the kidneys. We Americans go it too hard. We overdo, overeat and neglect our sleep and exercise and so we are fast becoming a nation of kidney sufferers. 72% more deaths than in 1890 is the 1910 census story. Use Doan's Kidney Pills. Thousands recommend them.

A Pennsylvania Case

D. R. Pringle, 913 Oak St., Indiana, Pa., says: "I suffered acutely from pains across the small of my back. The kidney secretions passed too frequently, especially at night and I felt miserable. Two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills rid me of the backache and regulated the action of my kidneys. The cure has lasted and my kidneys are now in good shape."

Get Doan's at Any Store, 60c a Box

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

Washington federal department employees bought $10,000,000 Liberty loan bonds.

A single application of Roman Eye Balsam on going to bed will prove its merit for inflammations of the Eyes, external and internal. Adv.

Higher Than Butter.

In some parts of Germany, according to the bulletin of the Chicago section of the American Chemical society, oleomargarine is quoted at higher prices than butter.

To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System

Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 60 cents.

Optical Illusion.

"I think I ought to speak to the police. I saw Willie Okersmeer grab an ax and try to assassinate his mother?"

"Don't let it worry you. Willie's father is an artist. The boy was probably posing for his next comical kid series."

Best Soldier a Middleweight.

It isn't the big 170 pounders that the examining boards who have been choosing recruits for the new National army greet with enthusiasm, says Milestones. It's the lithe chap who weighs about 140 and hasn't a pound to spare that is the real prize for military service.

Tests made at Princeton and in the training camps go to show that, weight for weight, a man of this build handles himself more effectively. He scores relatively low in strength tests, but remarkably high in endurance. He is adaptable when it comes to the modifications of diet that life in camp makes necessary and he can stand inspection with full equipment on a hot day and smile, while the big fellow wilts and falls out.

Recalls Economy of 1864.

Let the persons who think wheatless and meatless days are a hardship listen to the venerable men and women whose memory takes them back to the Civil war, says the Anaconda (Mont.) Standard.

Roasted barley, parched corn, chicory roots, and even dandelion roots dried and roasted, were used as coffee substitutes. White or granulated sugars were a rarity and only on the table for company. Brown sugar and old-fashioned black molasses, bread and honey and even bread and ham fat were considered pretty good enough for all but the old people. In those days nearly every family in town kept a cow. Those who didn't, as a rule went without milk. The papers of that day emphasized the fact that coffee and tea were more nutritious when used without milk.

Six Minute Pudding

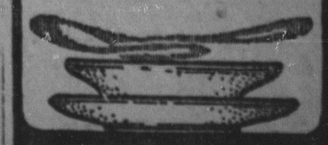
Here's a new one—a most delicious desert that can be made in a hurry.

To one and one-half cups of milk add one cup of

Grape-Nuts

and one level tablespoonful of sugar, boil six minutes, cool and serve with milk or cream. Add raisins if desired.

Get a package of Grape-Nuts from your grocer and try this pleasing recipe.



A GREAT DISCOVERY

(By J. H. Watson, M, D.)

Swollen hands, ankles, feet are due to a dropsical condition, often caused by disordered kidneys. Naturally when the kidneys are deranged the blood is filled with poisonous waste matter, which settles in the feet, ankles and wrists; or under the eyes in bag-like formations.

As a remedy for those easily recognized symptoms of inflammation caused by uric acid—as scalding urine, backache and frequent urination, as well as sediment in the urine, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, lumbago, sciatica, gout, it is simply wonderful how quickly An-u-ric acts; the pains and stiffness rapidly disappear, for Anuric, (double strength), is many times more potent than lithia and often eliminates uric acid as hot water melts sugar. All druggists.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets for the liver and bowels have been favorably known for nearly 50 years.

Anuric is a recent scientific discovery by Dr. Pierce, Chief of Staff at the Invalids" Hotel and Surgical Inst., in Buffalo, N. Y. Send 10c there for a trial pkg. of Anuric. Large package 60c.

Delicate Young Girls, Here Is Advice for You!

Baltimore, Md.—"I can recommend Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as a wonderful medicine for women When just turning into womanhood at fourteen years, my parents saw I needed a medicine of this kind. They put me on 'Favorite Prescription' and it did all that I could expect. After its use I was stronger and better every way."—MRS. MARY E. DOBSON, 1205 W. Fayette St.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription can be obtained at almost any up-to-date drug store, in either liquid or tablet form. It has the guarantee of 40 years behind it, and does not contain alcohol nor narcotics, but ingredients are plainly printed on the wrapper. Extracted from native roots and herbs. Tablets 60c. Send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo N. Y., and he will mail trial package of tablets.—Adv.

DR. TUTT'S LIVER PILLS FOR LIVER ILLS

Habitual Constipation Relieved

If you wake in the morning with a bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, perhaps headache, your liver is torpid. A torpid liver deranges the whole system, produces sick headache, dyspepsia, costiveness and piles. There is no better remedy for these disorders than **DR. TUTT'S LIVER PILLS.** Try them just once and be eternally convinced. For sale by all druggists.

Dr. Tutt's Liver Pills

Status of Arab Nation.

The Arab nation is without money or natural resources. Its territory contains neither mineral nor external agricultural wealth—but the redemption of Mesopotamia will afford the Arab of the future opportunity for aggrandizement. There, under semi-independence, after barrages on the Tigris and Euphrates have been built by British energy and cash, Bagdad may rise to a higher scale of learning, splendor and wealth than under the caliphat of Haroun al Raschid.

Of the entire outcome from the war, therefore, notes a correspondent, the Arab renaissance is assuredly not the least momentous. Historically, it will mark the advent of a new era; ethnologically it becomes a charming study of futurists of literature.

THE TRAINED NURSE.

is a woman in every sense, who does work that only a woman can do and whose services are always in demand and well paid. In our Training School for Nurses we have a few vacancies for women between the ages of eighteen and thirty-eight. Applicants must be healthy, intelligent and conscientious, with at least one year in high school. Training, board and lodging in comfortable nurse's home are free and allowances made for uniforms, text books, etc., for the three year course. For full particulars address Superintendent of Nurses, West Philadelphia Hospital for Women, 4035 Parrish Street, Philadelphia, Pa.—Adv.

The Poilu Magnificent.

After one of the battles near Verdun a poilu who had distinguished himself for conspicuous gallantry was called over by an officer. "Of what religion are you?" he asked. The soldier saluted and respectfully replied: "I am of that religion that looks God in the eyes." He is the "poilu magnificent."—Capt. Gustav P. Capart in the New York Herald.

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A nice thing about being a millionaire is the anxiety of all the merchants to sell you goods on credit.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"
To get the genuine, call for full name LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. 30c.

It isn't so much a matter of time as it is of disposition that so many things we could do are left undone.

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Why suffer from excruciating neuralgia pains when an application of Yager's Liniment will give quick relief?

This liniment is good too, for rheumatism, sciatica, headache, pain in chest or side, sprains, cuts and bruises.

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A toilet preparation of merit. Helps to eradicate dandruff.
For Restoring Color and Beauty to Gray or Faded Hair.
50c. and $1.00 at Druggists.

CASH PAID FOR CANCELLED STAMPS
As high as $10 per 1000. Yes, I buy coins. Send 10c for price list. Elmer L. Minnick, Timberville, Va.

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Queen Mother's Gift Bible.

Upon one of his journeys during the Antarctic expedition Sir Ernest Shackleton was obliged to reduce his luggage to the smallest possible amount.

He states that up to this point the Bible given by Queen Alexandra to the ship's library (provided by the British and Foreign Sailors' society) had been carried with the party. In leaving other things behind it was decided with reluctance that this also must be abandoned.

As the Bible contained on its fly leaf a message written by Queen Alexandra, the fly leaf was cut out, also the page containing the Twenty-third psalm, and the chapter in the Book of Job which speaks of the sea being frozen. These three pages were carried to the end of the journey and brought back to this country.

Sir Ernest has promised to present the three pages to the society to be sold on behalf of its funds.

BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP

Why use ordinary cough remedies, when Boschee's German Syrup has been used so successfully for fifty-one years in all parts of the United States for coughs, bronchitis, colds settled in the throat, especially lung troubles. It gives the patient a good night's rest, free from coughing, with easy expectoration in the morning, gives nature a chance to soothe the inflamed parts, throw off the disease, helping the patient to regain his health. Sold in all civilized countries, 30 and 90 cent bottles.—Adv.

Responsibility.

"Prohibition has made a great change in Crimson Gulch," commented the occasional visitor.

"Yes," replied Three Finger Sam. "I never saw the settlement so quiet and polite."

"How do you account for it?"

"Well, liquor is no longer handy as an excuse for reckless talk and everybody's nerves has steadied down so that if a man should reach for a gun it 'ud have to mean something."

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County—ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.
FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.
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HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System.
Druggists, 75c. Testimonials free.
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Some Speed Car.

"What did you do yesterday?"

"Psmythe took me for a drive out in the country in his new car."

"Has Psmythe got a new car?"

"Well, he calls it a car, but I'd call it a thunderbolt."

"What kind of a car is it?"

"It's this kind of a car: The man who is driving says: 'Isn't that a fine view ahead of us?' And you say, 'Yes, wasn't it!'"

A Valuable Pride.

"Is Mrs. Cumarox patriotic?"

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NOTHING SO EFFECTIVE AS ELIXIR BABEK For Malaria, Chills & Fever.
Chief of Police, J. W. Reynolds, Newport News, Va., says: "It is a pleasure to recommend **Babek** for chills and fever. Have used it when necessary for 20 years and have found no remedy as effective." **Elixir Babek** 50 cents, all druggists, or by Parcel Post, prepaid, from Kloczewski & Co., Washington, D. C.
A Good Move—**Babek Liver Pills.** 50 pills . . . . . 25 cents

Camouflage Helps.

Beauty unadorned may be all right in some cases, but a little dressing always improves the turkey.

Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills are simply a good, old-fashioned medicine for regulating the stomach, liver and bowels. Get box and try them. Adv.

Now is a good time to quit talkin one way and acting another.

When Your Eyes Need Care Try Murine Eye Remedy
No Smarting—Just Eye Comfort. 60 cents at Druggists or mail. Write for Free Eye Book
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PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Greenville.—James Sheakley, ninety years old, first governor of Alaska, former congressman from Pennsylvania, pioneer oil man and leader of the famous filibuster in the Hayes-Tilden fight in 1875, died at his home here. He leaves a widow and one son.

Altoona.—Principal George D. Robb of the High School here announces that a monster service flag will be ordered for the institution to honor the 300 or more alumni and former students who are now serving their country on land and sea.

Uniontown.—Several citizens have purchased the old Methodist Episcopal Church here for $30,000 and will present it to the city for an auditorium and library. The Methodist congregation will soon move into a new church.

Altoona.—Mrs. A. G. Dymond, wife of Doctor Dymond, of this place holds the honor of probably being the first woman in the state to shoot a deer this season. Mrs. Dymond brought down a large eight pronged buck in the vicinity of Ray's Hill mountains, Fulton county. The deer weighed over 200 pounds and dressed 187 pounds. It is one of the largest shot in Fulton county for some years.

Mount Union.—The council here is making plans for a city park and voted to purchase a site from J. F. Moore and Colonel J. S. Bare.

Easton.—Because she refused to return a pocketbook which she had found after she had been notified who was the owner, Mrs. Mary Wassilis of this place was convicted before Judge McKeen of larceny and was sentenced to serve six months in the county prison.

Stroudsburg.—Judge S. E. Shull was formally welcomed to the bench at the opening of the December term of court here. He took occasion to say that in dealing with the liquor question he would not be more inclined to leniency than was his predecessor, the late Judge Staples, but would adhere to the strict letter of the law.

Carlisle. — Gas rates here have been increased from 10 to 20 cents per hundred.

Shippensburg. — Oscar Goodheart, a liveryman here, will be the new Cumberland county mercantile appraiser for 1918.

Altoona.—Mrs. Mary Parsons, aged eighty-six, of this place has just knitted a pair of socks for the Red Cross with knitting needles sixty-four years old.

Penbrook.—The Camp Hill Church of God has elected Rev. Charles O. Houston of this place to serve it.

Mount Union.—The School Board here has voted a bonus to each of the town's 15 public school teachers.

Scranton.—Financed by local residents, a company for the manufacture of dyes is being organized here.

Penfield.—State health inspectors were hurried here to investigate a new outbreak of smallpox.

Duncannon. — The Lebanon Iron and Steel Company plant here has been closed because the company has no coal.

Hazleton.—The Lehigh Valley Coal Company raised the pay of all employees at its Drifton shops. Men getting more than $1.54 a day were given 90 cents. Those paid less than $1.54 a day were advanced 60 cents.

Annville.—The trustees of Lebanon Valley College are discussing plans for a campaign to raise an endowment fund of not less than $250,000 and named Congressman Aaron S. Kreider of this place director of the drive.

Norristown. — Frank Aguilor, an Indian, was found guilty of murder in the second degree. August 30 in the Montgomery Hotel, Pottstown, he shot Canto Thomsa, a Mexican, who, he testified, was trying to rob him.

Harrisburg.—The state commission to make a report to the legislature on the old age pension plan will take up its work actively in Philadelphia in January, according to Representative James H. Maurer of Reading, the chairman.

Harrisburg.—Bread of the same size was being sold at from 70 to 10 cents in Harrisburg, it was claimed after an investigation had been made. The cheaper priced bread comes from larger cities.

Lancaster.—Clark, the eleven-year old son of Diller Reisnyder of Christiania, committed suicide by hanging himself in his father's stable. He had been moody over being obliged to attend school, and it is supposed this prompted the deed.

Harrisburg. — Adjutant General Beary called upon over 900 mayors, burgesses and chiefs of police of municipalities and the chairmen of all committees of public safety in the state asking them to furnish him at the earliest possible date complete information regarding strength of police forces, home guard, defense and similar organizations.

Hazleton. — Employment of boys after school hours to handle delivery of goods has solved the labor problem in many of the big stores here.

Newport. — Practicing war time economy, citizens here have decided not to erect a municipal Christmas tree this year and to omit the New Year's parade.

Harrisburg.—The borough of Newville complained that the Newville Water Company wanted to raise rates from $275 to $875 per year for fire hydrants and to date back to last January. The Public Service Commission has ordered a hearing.

KIDNEY TROUBLE OFTEN CAUSES SERIOUS BACKACHE

When your back aches, and your bladder and kidneys seem to be disordered, go to your nearest drug store and get a bottle of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. It is a physician's prescription for ailments of the kidneys and bladder.

It has stood the test of years and has a reputation for quickly and effectively giving results in thousands of cases.

This preparation so very effective, has been placed on sale everywhere. Get a bottle, medium or large size, at your nearest druggist.

However, if you wish first to test this preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Adv.

True Perhaps.

Lady—I should think you would work instead of begging for your living.

Tramp—I do, ma'am.

Lady—Then why are you asking me for money?

Tramp — That's my profession, ma'am. But if you knew how hard it is to get a nickel out of some folks you'd never accuse me of not working."

WATCH YOUR SKIN IMPROVE

When You Use Cuticura—The Soap to Purify and Ointment to Heal.

On rising and retiring gently smear the face with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off Ointment in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Continue this treatment for ten days and note the change in your skin. No better toilet preparations exist.

Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Collecting Military Stamps.

Collectors in the United States are now gathering postmarks of letters sent from the American camps in France, which are stamped "U. S. Army Postal Service." They figure that if anything definite results from the peace talk, the expeditionary force's postmark will be valuable because of its comparative rarity, as they believe that most of the letters coming to the United States from the soldiers abroad are sent to close friends and relatives who, for sentimental reasons, will have the missives, envelopes and all.

Subject to Amendment.

"Spike told me last night that he had never loved anybody else, and would love me, and me alone, as long as life lasts; just like that!" said a waitress in the rapid fire restaurant.

"Hoh! He told Goldie the same thing before they were married," returned another waitress.

"Aw, yes! But that was almost a year ago."—Kansas City Star.

Bananas Cheap and Nutritious.

During the year 1917 more than six billion bananas were imported into North America. Three of these bananas weigh about a pound and cost generally about five cents. At five cents a pound bananas may claim to be as cheap and nutritious a food as any on the market at present prices.

Retribution.

"Bliggins says he wants to go into business and be his own boss."

"It would serve him right. Bliggins makes about the meanest boss ever known."

Brooklyn, N. Y., finds many men more than fifty years old unable to get jobs.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 30c.

The easier it is to get a man to talk the harder it is to get him to quit.

What Convinced Him.

Defendant's Lawyer—You say my clients called you names! How did you know for sure that they were talking to you and not to somebody else?

Plaintiff—Well, maybe I was mistaken, but when they accompanied their conversation with biffs on my jaw and swats in my ribs I naturally couldn't be blamed for thinking they were addressing their remarks to me.—Judge.

The Singer and the Song.

"Bliggins says his objection to our national anthem is that he can't sing it."

"He's telling the truth. But we can't possibly postpone this war until somebody digs out a tune that Bliggins can sing."

Children's Questions.

One shouldn't get discouraged because he is unable to answer a child's questions. There are others.

Woman's Influence.

Men's best deeds can be attributed to woman's influence—also, not infrequently, their worst.

There is a lot of sentiment in a squeeze of the hand by the right person.

Philadelphia Keneseth Israel Jewish temple has celebrated its seventieth anniversary.

Lungs Are Weakened By Hard Colds

HILL'S CASCARA BROMIDE QUININE

The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No opiates—no unpleasant after effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red Top and Mr. Hill's picture on it. 24 Tablets for 25c.
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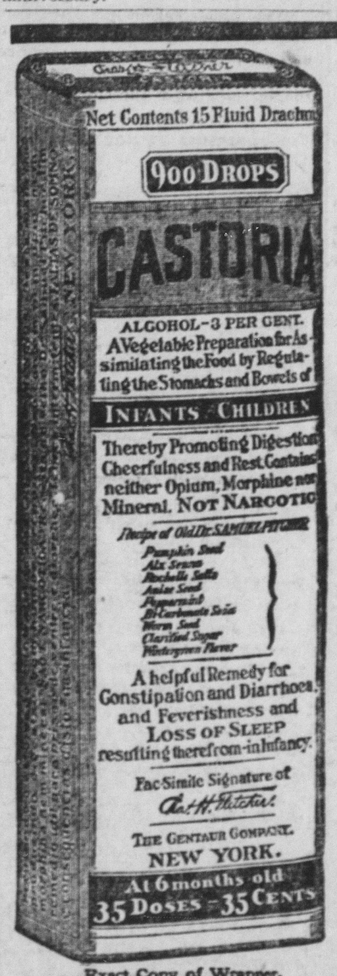
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35 DOSES—35 CENTS
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Peace Consistent With Honor.

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Los Angeles reports oil well gusher found eight miles from the heart of the city.

Words of a silent man are never repeated in court.

Game of Politics.

Politics is a profession only when you are on the losing side; if you are with the winners it's business.

New York city will give returned soldiers preference on municipal jobs after the war.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the original little liver pills put up 40 years ago. They regulate liver and bowels. Ad.

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Every statement made in our advertisements is true. Every testimonial we publish is genuine and honest, which proves that

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Is the greatest remedy for womens ills known

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THE CENTRE REPORTER.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1917

Thirty-four Years Ago.

February 8, 1883.—A short distance this side of Paddy mountain tunnel, two miles below Fowlers, a new post office has been established, called Poe Mills.

I. J. Grenoble, of Spring Mills, shipped forty-four carloads of grain, making over 25,000 bushels, in the month of January.

The barn of Mrs. A. Gill, east of Pleasant Gap, was destroyed by fire on Monday night. One horse, two cows, two heifers, and some implements were destroyed. Loss, $900, with no insurance.

Aaronsburg.

Coal is scarce and there is no wood to buy.

Mrs. Mary Burd is recovering from the effects of la grippe.

John Otto, after spending a short time in the eastern cities, returned home on Friday evening.

The ladies of the Reformed sewing circle cleared $30.00 at their bazaar which was held on Saturday evening.

George Meyer, late of Coburn, was laid away in the Reformed cemetery on Tuesday.

Mrs. Sarah Miller was called to Coburn last week to help care for her brother.

E. G. Mingle is expecting his son Albert, from Akron, Ohio, to arrive home the latter part of this week.

Master Nevin Donat, who was ill for a week or more, is able to be up and entertain his many young friends who are calling to see him.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mingle, from Akron, Ohio, are here to spend the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Mingle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Haines, of Smithtown, spent a few hours on Sunday with the former's aged mother, who is suffering as a result of a fall a few weeks ago.

CENTRE MILLS

Willis Best will assist Arthur Cummings this winter.

Fred Meiss returned to Altoona Saturday, after visiting his old home for seven weeks.

Henry Sweely and lady friend, of Green Grove, visited the former's parents several days last week.

Ira Shultz, who hunted with the Rebersburg party, has returned home and is feasting on venison.

Miss Minnie Kline has gone to Forest Hill to conduct revival services in the Evangelical church.

Mr. Swope moved his family from Jersey Shore to Mrs. Elias Breon's house at this place.

Charles Coble moved from Smultor to John A. Kline's house and will drive the mill team and assist in the mill.

REBERSBURG

From last week.

Howard Krape left on Monday for Harrisburg, where he has found employment.

James Moyer, of Potters Mills, visited relatives in this vicinity the past week.

The cross roads in this valley are all drifted full of snow which makes traveling very inconvenient.

Since last Saturday Postmaster Curtis Beirly wears a broad smile on his face on account of the arrival of twin babies, a boy and a girl.

Rumor has it that Wesley Hackenberg bought the J. N. Meyer farm, situated a short distance south of this place.

William Bair is making preparations to leave in the near future for Illinois where he will visit relatives for several weeks.

Mr. Swope, of Lock Haven, on Wednesday moved to this place and now occupies the Elias Breon home, which Mr. Swope quite recently bought of the Breon heirs.

BOALSBURG.

From last week.

Mrs. A. J. Hazel was a recent visitor at Lock Haven.

Mrs. G. N. Fisher and son Harold spent Tuesday in Bellefonte.

Mrs. J. A. Gingerich and daughter spent Thursday of last week at Oak Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weber, of Huntingdon, attended the funeral of J. H. Meyer.

Robert Harter, of State College, spent Sunday at the J. M. Ross home.

Mrs. Yarnell is spending some time with her husband who is employed at Paxtonville.

Mrs. Harry Lonberger and three daughers, of State College, spent the week end at the D. W. Meyer home.

Mrs. Rebecca Reisler, of Sandy Ridge, is visiting at the home of Mrs. E. E. Brown.

Mrs. Charles Segner went to Carlisle on Monday where she attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Julia A. Grob.

Mrr. James Fortney and daughter spent several days last week at the William Patterson home.

GARTSIDES IRON RUST SOAP removes all stains from clothing or hands that ordinary soap will not remove. For sale by MISS GLADYS JONES, Centre Hall, Pa.

STATE AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

The Pennsylvania sweet potato crop is estimated at 110,000 bushels.

The yield of clover seed in the State during the past season is estimated at one bushel to an acre.

Pennsylvania ranks nineteenth in corn production, but it leads all of the principal corn states with average acreage production.

Pennsylvania takes fifth place among the large potato producing states, but in average production per acre is in tenth place.

Less rabies have been reported than for a number of years, the enforcement of the dog law being largely responsible for the decrease.

You can do your bit by keeping a few chickens in your back yard. Get into the poultry business on a home scale at once.

Pennsylvania ranks sixth in the production of tobacco, being led by Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, and Tennessee.

Plan for your spring and summer activities in the garden now. You can clear ground and manure this winter. Become a producer.

Practically every county in the State shows an increase in the number of silos in use on farms, some of the increases being eight per cent over last year.

Early estimates indicate the New York has captured the buckwheat production honors from Pennsylvania, by a margin of a few hundred thousand bushels.

If you are interested in poultry raising join the Pennsylvania Poultry Association. Organize a club in your vicinity for increasing interest in poultry raising. Write the Department of Agriculture at Harrisburg.

Soldier and Sailor Insurance.

If a soldier or sailor is killed, and he has a wife and children, the Government will provide compensation for the wife, so long as she remains unmarried, and support for the children until they become 18 years of age.

These payments range from $25 for a widow alone to $57.50 for a widow and four children. If the man is totally disabled the Government will make a fixed monthly payment to him ranging from $80 a month, if he is married, to $75 a month, if he has a wife and three or more children. Should he be so helpless as to require a nurse or attendant he will be given up to $20 additional. Should he lose both feet, both hands, or both eyes, or be permanently bedridden, he will be paid $100 a month, whether he is a bachelor or married.

Kessler Offers Great Holiday Bargains

We have the following at greatly cut prices. Any of these articles will make practical gifts.

LADIES' COATS--
Made of Plush, Pom Pom, Burrella, Velour, Broadcloath, etc. All the predominating colors and styles.

Latest High Cut Shoes--
New military heels--low and high. Various colors and combinations.

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We have many novelties in these lines.

STOCKINGS of all weights and many original dies.

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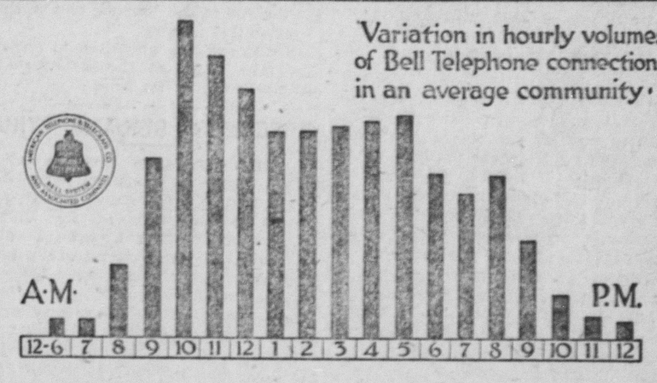

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